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Chapter 01

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I still think that other demon needs a true love confession to Rose... BTW... I think it is read as RO-SE...

~ Lacaille

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I wonder[illegible]-kun is single.. XDDDDDD

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●Summary

Kanno's daily routine is to be treated as a princess by her childhood friend Ritsu. But one evening, the demon Rose escapes to the human world and possesses Ritsu! He transforms into the egoistic demon and causes trouble not only for Kanno! Also featuring three other one-shots. ★

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Star Wars?! SERI[illegible]?! I just had a flashback of the Family Guy parody.
squishes Stewey

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Chapter 04

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Married to [illegible] guy! Cougar! RAWR! >D

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PLEASE, COME BACK,
BIG BROTHER.
YOU WANT ME TO GO BACK AND BOW TO THE DEMON KING?
I'D RATHER DIE.
IN THAT CASE ...

THE DEMON CRYSTAL
IT CRYSTALLIZES THE MAGICAL POWERS OF ANYONE IT SEIZES
GOODBYE
LET US HAVE YOU DIE.
WAIT A...
YOU, WHERE DID YOU GET SUCH A DANGEROUS-
ROSE.
DON'T WORRY. EVERY LAST BIT OF YOUR POWER WILL SAFELY COME TO ME

AH!
FALLING STARS!
If you only had one wish, what would you wish for?
SOMEONE PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE RESULTS OF MY TEST!
I DON'T CARE IF IT'S GOD, BUDDHA OR THE DEVIL, BUT...
I am Ogata Kanna and this is Kurosawa Ritsu
We are childhood friends and live on neighboring floors of the same mansion. But...
HOW CAN I BE SUCH AN IDIOT?
YOU AREN'T AN IDIOT, KANNA
YOU JUST DON'T THINK ENOUGH
That's not what I wanted to hear
BANG
ANYWAY, HERE
I prepared this for you
Thanks
limited-time-only memory cards

RI..
I WAS LOOKING...
AWW, WHERE WERE YOU LOOKING AT?!
RITSU?!
...AT YOU, KANNA
And forgot to look where I'm going
Don't...
RI...
DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO WISH FOR, TOO, RITSU?
Don't say such lines like "I only have eyes for you" with such a straight face...!
Inner dialogue
Blush
I'm always the one getting worked up.
Am I really in Ritsu's heart..?
NOT REALLY...

BECAUSE MY GREATEST WISH...
...HAS ALREADY COME TRUE.
EH...

WHA.
flash
flash
WHAT ...?!
Meteorite?!
flash
flash
flash
GOING
EH?!

rustle
THAT...
JUST NOW...

DAMN THAT DARIA GUY...!
EH...?
WHAT IF I HAD DIED...
RITSU?!
OH, NO, YOU MUST BE JOKING...
slide
EH...
ALTHOUGH,
DYING IN THE ARMS OF A WOMAN IS NOT SO BAD.
Ouch!
BONG
DROP

DIZZY
Wha...
What was that just now ?!
KYAAAAA, RITSU..!
HOLD ON...
HOLD ....
EH...?
That was...
...the beginning of the nightmare.
KANNA...

One
To all new and old readers, hello I'm Hagio Akira.
And this is my FIRST ONE-SHOT COLLECTION.
I tried to collect my more recent one-shots for it, but it turned out to be a collection of dark-haired men.
They might all look like the same person to you, but they are different characters.
And now please, enjoy this until the end.
WAKE UP.
OPEN YOUR EYES.
Who..?
Someone..
..save me..!
Or maybe it was the end of the dream
KANNA.

MORNING
DID HE [redacted] THEM THIS MORNING?
SCONES THIS MORNING?
roll roll
Today's menu:
- Scones (apricot & blueberry jam)
- Fruit salad with yogurt dressing
- Hand-squeezed grapefruit juice
EH..?! WHAT?! MY ROOM?!
RITSU, WHY ARE YOU-
I CAME FOR YOU.
EH?!
EH?!
DREAM ?!

Two
"Akuma no Puzzle"
I was working on a series at the time I drew this and I had not done a one-shot in a long time, so I really suffered with the page designs
I've never been so horribly late for my deadlines and never received so much help from so many people as I did for the one-shot. (Maybe that's why you get so much background views in this one...) In a sense, it's a work full of memories for me.
I liked this title very much, so I made it the title of the collection, too. It was fun working with those two after such a long time.
IT HAPPENS EVERY TIME,
BUT IT MAKES ME FEEL AS IF I'M SOME KIND OF PRINCESS.
It's as if I'm still in a dream...
KYAH! I'M LATE!
MY BAG!
HERE.
MY UNIFORM!
HERE.
BOW
I-
I'LL BE RIGHT DOWN AFTER I CHANGE, SO GO WAIT IN THE LIVING ROOM.

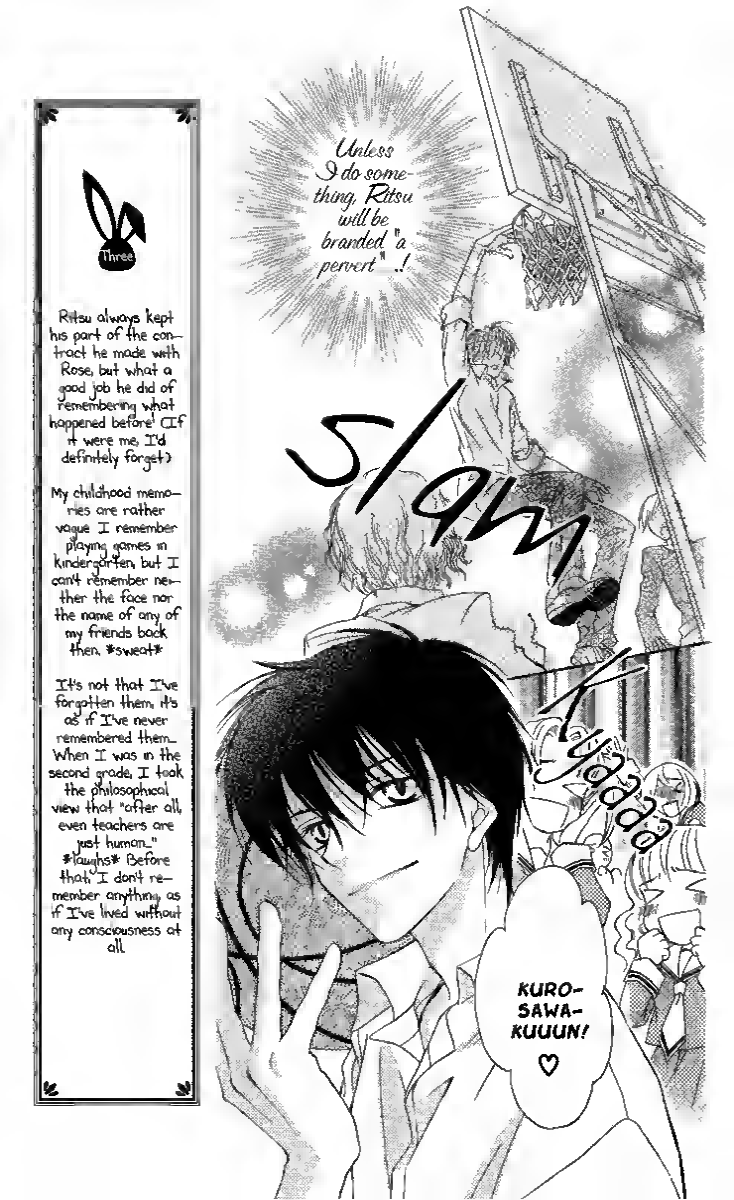
It's the same Ritsu as ever...
SLAM
I THOUGHT HE'D FINALLY FLUSTER, BUT NO...
The same as ever...
WHICH MEANS THAT WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY WAS...
THE NERVE OF YOU, HIGH SCHOOLERS COMING LATE FOR CLASSES!
THAT'S RIGHT.
OF COURSE IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
INSIDE OF RITSU CAN'T POSSIBLY BE ANY DEM-
BONK
BONK
LOOKS LIKE OGATA OVERSLEPT AGAIN!
AND YOU KUROSAWA, STOP KEEPING HER COMPANY EVERY SINGLE TIME!

KUROSAWA, YOU'RE SPOILING OGATA TOO MU—
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE...
-CH
BANG
DOING?!
ROCKET

SUZUKI-SENSEI!
He's blacked out!
fssss
No way...
su...
The white-army?!
Call an ambulance!
rush
No way..!
DREAM !?
THAT'S RIGHT! I'M STILL DREAMING
THAT'S RIGHT, ISN'T IT?! SUCH A THING IS IMPOSSIBLE IN REAL LIFE!
WHAT HAPPENED WASN'T HUMANLY POSSIBLE-
WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT HUMAN?
TELL ME IT WAS A DREAM!

I'M A DEMON.
Someone tell me this is a dream.
Because of [illegible] stances, [illegible] just out of the demon realm and found shelter in the human world."
The demon's name is Rose.
SO WHY IS SUCH A HIGH RANKING DEMON INSIDE RITSU..?
HM. BY CHANCE?
SAY WHAT?!
JUST LET ME TELL YOU THAT I'M A HIGH RANKING DEMON WHO WOULD NORMALLY NEVER LET SOME LOWLY HUMANS EVEN SPEAK TO HIM.
...

S.
WHA...
HOW CAN YOU BE SUCH AN EGOISTIC—
IT DOES A DECENT JOB OF THROWING DARIA OFF TRACK,
SO I'LL JUST HAVE FUN IN THIS HUMAN BODY FOR THE TIME BEING.
Irrelevant translator's note: That's the way to go! I wish one of his exes would threaten ME this way. XDDD
I'LL STRIP.
IF YOU GET IN THE WAY...
EH...
Wha...
Lost
What do I do now?
GRINNING LIKE A HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN!
AND THEN I'LL RUN INTO EVERY NOOK AND CORNER OF THE SCHOOL GROUNDS
OF COURSE, IN COMPLETE AND UTTER NAKED GLORY.


Three
Ritsu always kept his part of the contract he made with Rose, but what a good job he did of remembering what happened before! (If it were me, I'd definitely forget)
My childhood memories are rather vague I remember playing games in kindergarten, but I can't remember neither the face nor the name of any of my friends back then. *sweat*
It's not that I've forgotten them, it's as if I've never remembered them. When I was in the second grade, I took the philosophical view that "after all, even teachers are just human." *laughs* Before that, I don't remember anything, as if I've lived without any consciousness at all.
Unless I do something, Ritsu will be branded "a pervert"..!
5/am
Kyaaaa
KUROSAWA-KUUUN! ♡

MEN CAUGHT IN AN UNEXPECTED TRAP TREMBLE AND COWER
No
Kyaaa
OR IF THE ALIENS INVADED AND THE TOKYO GOVERNMENT OFFICE TRANSFORMED INTO A GIANT ROBOT?!
WHAT HAPPENED TO KUROSAWA RITSU WHO WOULD NOT BAT AN EYELASH EVEN IF MT. FUJI ERRUPTED OR TOKYO SUNK IN THE SEA?!
IS IT A CYBORG-KUROSAWA ?
THAT STONEFACE IS
DEMON!
YES, YES.
Too bad
Pah!
I HEARD HE WAS POSSESSED BY AN EVIL SPIRIT?
SO..
KURO-SAWA HAS ALWAYS BEEN A MAGNET,
BUT SINCE HE WAS SO STUCK ON YOU, KANNA...
A MEEK SERVANT TURNING INTO A SELF-CENTERED DEMON OVERNIGHT?
LIKE AN OMNIPOTENT BUTLER ROBOT, WAITING UPON HIS LACKING PRINCESS?
ISN'T THAT LIKE BEING A CLASS TRAITOR?
THAT'S NOT THE POINT!
WHO'S "LACKING" —?
Mental image

BANG
KANNA!
WHICH PART OF IT IS LIKE BEING CHILDHO-
RITSU AND I...
...ARE AND HAVE ALWAYS BEEN JUST CHILDHOOD FRIENDS
YOU'RE LATE!
WATCH OUT.
BANG
WHA!
PFFT
SORRY--!
roll
roll
YOU'RE REALLY A CLUTZ.

Take
Hahaha!
AND WHAT DOES THAT MAKE YOU?!
sfx BANG
ARE YOU ALL RIG-
HIT
fiss

Infirmary
stick
DISLOCATING A SHOULDER OVER SUCH A SMALL THING - THE HUMAN BODY IS SO AWKWARD.
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?!
THAT WASN'T HUMANLY POSSIBLE!
IF YOU THINK SO, HURRY UP AND GET OUT OF RITSU'S BODY!
AND SPEAKING OF WHICH,
YOU CAN'T BE SUCH A GREAT DEMON AS YOU CLAIM IF YOU CAN'T THROW ONE BALL RIGHT.
TWITCH
KYAA! KYAA!
You are! You are! I'm sorry!
KUROSAWA RITSU!
PLEASE! ENTER THE BASEBALL TEAM!
SLAM
Noogie

MY POLICY IS TO MAKE CONTRACTS WITH WOMEN ONLY
WE NEED YOUR SHOULDER!
WE'LL DO ANYTHING YOU WANT IF YOU ENTER THE CLUB!
PERKS UP
ANYTHING ?
I SEE
I MIGHT THINK ABOUT IT
shoue
PLE-
YOU MUST KNEEL AND KISS MY SHOES FIRST!
Ah...
Demon!

WHEN I DO...
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU ARE—
grab
WILL YOU ENTER THE CLUB?
EH..?
WAIT!
KURO-SAWA RITSU!
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP

WHA...
STOMP STOMP
LET ME KISS YOUR SHOE!
AHAH?!
IS IT MY FAULT?! DEMONS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE EVIL!
WHAT WAS THAT..?!
You!
YOU TOLD HIM YOURSELF TO KISS YOUR SHOE
I guess they are
Damn
THAT'S WHY..
...I HATE GETTING INVOLVED WITH HUMANS
"EXORCISM?"
"CRUCIFIX, BLESSED WATER, GARLIC?"
"BUT AFTER ALL, ISN'T THAT ONE BEST?"
"IN ALL AGES AND COUNTRIES, THE WAY TO BREAK THE CURSE OVER A PRINCE HAS BEEN —"
...the kiss of the princess.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE IT A TRY?
That's why
B-But this is an emergency situation!
Wha...
What am I thinking?!
THE KISS.
To break
a demon's curse
IF YOU DO IT WELL,
YOU CAN CHASE ME OUT OF HIS BODY
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING—
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE
And I don't object
WHA...

NO.
BECAUSE
...I'M NO PRINCESS.

I know it, but...
WHEN YOU SAY "NO"...
IT MAKES ME WANT TO DO IT EVEN MORE
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABO—
Are you a kinderlarteney?!
BY THE WAY, IF YOU ARE SCARED AND HURT AND WRIGGLING IN AGONY, IT EXCITES ME EVEN MORE
DON'T USE RITSU'S FACE TO SAY SUCH WEIRD THINGS!
EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT, YOU'RE ACTUALLY THINKING,
AH, WHAT IF RITSU WAS DOING THIS KIND OF STUFF AND THAT KIND OF STUFF TO ME ♡
AREN'T YOU!
Enjoying it
RITSU WOULD NEVER DO THAT!
NOT DOING IT IS NOT THE SAME AS NOT WANTING TO DO IT
AND ALSO,
DOING SOMETHING DOESN'T MEAN HE WANTS TO DO IT

huff
fuss
huff
BANG
HUMANS ARE JUST SO-
KAN-
DON'T TOUCH ME!
—?
Smoke is coming out of my forehead
—;

He just would not touch me.
Ever since that day...
I KNEW IT.
I CAN'T MAKE IT COME TRUE...
DON'T TOUCH ME.
PLEASE...
Because
Ritsu never touches me.

ARE YOU HERE?!
SLAM
WHO ARE YOU ?
EH ?
Gone ?
Damn!
HE ESCAPED.
LOOKS LIKE HE DID
EH?

Ki
OUCH!
!!!
!!!
DON'T USE YOUR NAILS!
Kyaaaaaaa!
RITSU

LAND
HEY...
SQUEEZE
(...it moving...)
I FELL FROM HERE...
LONG AGO...

I WAS TRYING TO GO TO RITSU BY MEANS OF THE BALCONY.
RITSU!
YEAH
KANNA!
IT WAS A MIRACLE...
...THAT I DIDN'T DIE.
Ritsu had remained by my side...
all the time, until I opened my eyes.

He's by my side even now
MIRACLE,
EH—
YOU FELL FROM THIS HEIGHT
AND ESCAPED WITHOUT A SCRATCH
DO YOU THINK YOU WERE JUST LUCKY?
THAT MUST HAVE BEEN SOME MIRACLE
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME?
NO MATTER HOW MUCH HE PRAYED TO GOD, HIS BELOVED CHILDHOOD FRIEND WOULDN'T COME BACK

A DEMON WOULD NOT MISS SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A "CONTRACT."
IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, ANY WISH CAN BE GRANTED,
IF ONLY HE PAID A SUITABLE PRICE
SAVE KANNA
GOOD.
I WILL MAKE YOUR WISH COME TRUE.
IN RETURN, I WANT YOUR—
RITSU KNEW THAT VERY WELL.
"DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO WISH FOR, TOO, RITSU?"
"NOT REALLY."
"BECAUSE MY GREATEST WISH HAS ALREADY COME TRUE."
STOP

KIDDING ME!
SLAM
Ah!
HE SAVED ME ON HIS OWN WHIM!
HE BECAME A SACRIFICE ON HIS OWN WHIM!
I NEVER ASKED FOR ANY OF THAT.
I JUST...
I just...
...took it for granted that Ritsu would always be there.
I always took advantage of Ritsu's feelings of guilt.
YOU JUST?

THEN HOW ABOUT A CONTRACT WITH ME?
SET RITSU FREE
I WILL
GET RID OF THE DEMON INSIDE HIM FOR YOU.
blast

SHOCK
DAMN...
thud
WHO WAS THAT MAN...?
EH...
drip

RITSU...
DID IT..
IDIOT!
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO—
MY BODY MOVED ON ITS OWN!
He covered up for me..!
flare
But I'm it somehow, compared to before...!
..h, looks much worse...
DON'T MAKE A FUSS OVER IT.
I-IT DISAPPEARED! IT DID!
What do you think, Yuma?
THE WOUND..!
heal

DOING SUCH THINGS WITHOUT A CONTRACT WILL JUST SERVE TO SHORTEN YOUR LIFE.
land
EH .?
WHAT A PERSISTENT GUY.
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU.
I WILL MAKE EVERY LAST BIT OF YOU MINE.
LOVE CONFESSION ...?
AH...
NOT TRUE!
YEAH, HE'S ALWAYS BEEN HEAD OVER HEELS FOR ME.
KANNA.
I WILL MAKE YOUR WISH COME TRUE.
EH?
STAND
ROKI
BUT JUST ONE THING BEFORE THAT.

WHEN THE MAGIC IS SPENT, THE DEMON WILL DISAPPEAR
BY DISAP-PEAR YOU MEAN...
THERE MUST BE A PRICE FOR MAKING A WISH COME TRUE
THAT'S WHY YOU CALLED FOR ME THAT NIGHT, RIGHT.
EH...?
WELL, AT LEAST I'VE HAD MY FUN.
IT WASN'T TOO BAD BEING A HUMAN FOR A WHILE.
WAIT A MINUTE—
IT'S ENOUGH OF A PRICE.
crackling
crackling
THIS TIME,
WE FINISH IT.

ROSE!
ドン
sfx: blast
ボン
Ah...

That time,
the light was coming straight at me.
Ah...
I see.
It was me who called Rose.
I was uneasy even by his side. His heart, his body-
I wanted to make every last bit of Ritsu mine.
No matter what I had to lose.
No matter what dirty means I had to stoop to
Even if-
KANNA!

I had to sell my soul to a demon.
KANNA.
KANNA!
HN...
YOU'RE SO SELF-CENTERED.
UNTIL THE VERY END
JU
RO-
MP
There must be a price for making a wish come true.
RITSU...
IS IT YOU...?

The kind demon is gone.
Yes.
It's true.
KANNA ?
So is the pain.
And the uneasiness.
You change that price into power yourself
WHY...
WHY DO YOU...
NEVER TOUCH ME ?

RIGHT ?
IS THIS ABOUT THAT ACCI-DENT?!
THAT... I FELL ON MY OWN. YOU HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT, RITSU
BECAUSE
I HAVE NO RIGHT TO
THAT TIME,
I MADE A CONTRACT WITH ROSE
GOOD. I WILL MAKE YOUR WISH COME TRUE.
IN RETURN, I WANT YOUR—
IN EXCHANGE FOR SAVING YOU,
HE ASKED ME TO GIVE HIM MY MOST IM-PORTANT THING

YEP
SORRY
EH...
EH...?
IF YOU ONLY HAD ONE WISH, WHAT WOULD YOU WISH FOR?
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING
TOUCH
SO...
I HOPE YOU'RE PREPARED?
JUST
That's what the demon sweetly whispered into my ear.
Gyaaa!

彼彼女プラス1
Him and Her, Plus One

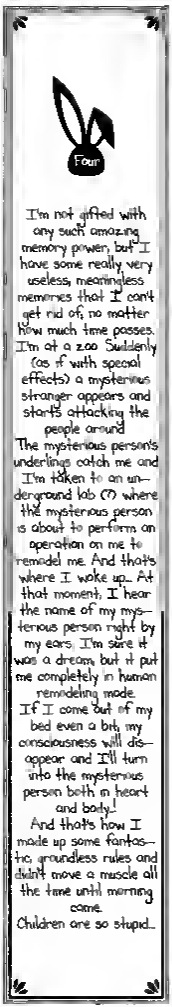
Even now, I'm searching for..
..the words that will give shape to these feelings.
AH...
IT'S TRUE
Star of the issue
Sagara Akihito
NO WAY! REALLY?!
Look!
HE WAS IN NHK'S EDUCATION SHOW.
WHAT?
AH! I KNOW HIM!
SAGARA AKI-HITO.
HE'S A PHI-LOSOPHER, AND SUPER GORGEOUS!
LOOKS LIKE HE WAS OUR SCHOOL'S OB.
HE WAS SO SERIOUS EVEN THOUGH IT WAS ONLY A CHILDREN'S SHOW. IT WAS SO FUNNY!
SAGARA ..?

DING-DONG
DING-DONG
DING-DONG
DING-DONG
DING-DONG
SAGARA
AKIHITO
IS THIS SAGARA-SAMA'S HOME?
YEAH
YEAH
YOU HAVE A DELIVERY
IT'S A PACK-AGE FROM TOKIEDA SAYA-SAMA
AKIHITO-KUN

CLICK
BANG
WOW, YOU LIVE IN PRETTY COZY ROOM.
ARE UNI-VERSITY TEACHERS THAT RICH?
About 160 cm tall...
No, even less than that?
Slender wrists.
HOLD UP.
OK?

"IT'S A PACK OF FROM TOKIED. SAY SAMA."
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE FORGOTTEN?
YOU'VE FORGOTTEN...
WHAT YOU DID THIRTEEN YEARS AGO...?
This voice...
A kid?
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I TOLD YOU...
YOU HAVE A DELIVERY.
KICK
HEY...
HEY!
WHO IN THE WORLD...
RE YOU—
FLOP
FLOPS

SAYA..?
CLICK CLICK
CLICK
Hm?
OPEN
AKIHITO? ARE YOU AWAKE?
THE DOOR WAS LEFT UNLOCKED—


Four
I'm not gifted with any such amazing memory power, but I have some really very useless, meaningless memories that I can't get rid of, no matter how much time passes.
I'm at a zoo. Suddenly (as if with special effects) a mysterious stranger appears and starts attacking the people around.
The mysterious person's underlings catch me and I'm taken to an underground lab (?) where the mysterious person is about to perform an operation on me to remodel me. And that's where I woke up. At that moment, I hear the name of my mysterious person right by my ears. I'm sure it was a dream, but it put me completely in human remodeling mode.
If I come out of my bed even a bit, my consciousness will disappear and I'll turn into the mysterious person both in heart and body!
And that's how I made up some fantastic, groundless rules and didn't move a muscle all the time until morning came.
Children are so stupid...

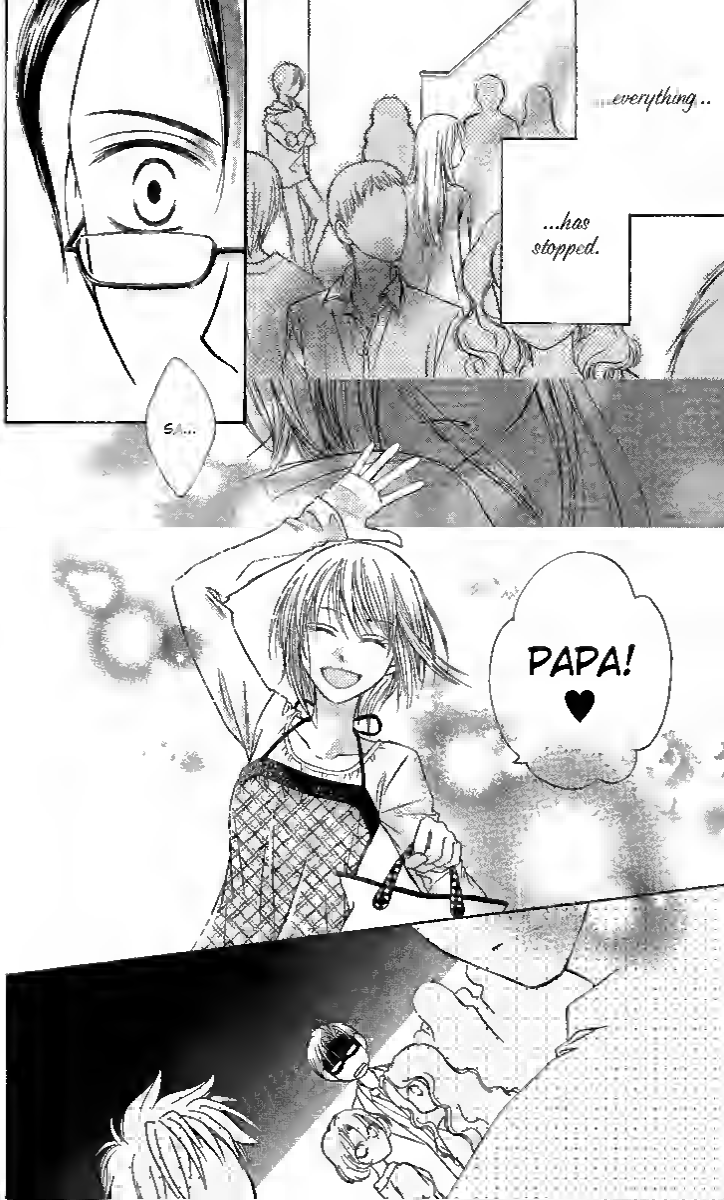
YOU BEAST!
I-!
It's not like that!
ANOTHER ONE BRAIN-WASHED BY TV WAVES?
That's why I told you to stop appearing on TV
NO... IT'S NOT LIKE THAT...
SO?
WHAT IS IT THIS TIME?
splash
DON'T TELL ME IT'S A NEW LITTLE SISTER?
The old man was just a guy, huh?
DON'T SAY SUCH OMINOUS STUFF!
HN...?
Ah, she's awake!
MORNING!

HELLO?
I'M JAPANESE.
A bit confused maybe
HA...
THERE WAS A BIT OF A STRUGGLE AND YOU KNOCKED YOUR HEAD
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'M HIS LITTLE BROTHER.
AND YOU?
DON'T TELL ME
YOU'RE A LOVER?!
THUMP
THUMP
HA-HA-HA.
Whose?
DAUGHTER.
WHOSE?
THIRTEEN THIS YEAR.
SO, THIRTEEN YEARS AGO,
AKIHITO WAS STILL
EHM...
HOW OLD ARE YOU?

DON'T TELL ME...
YOU'RE SAYA'S...?
NICE TO MEET YOU.
PAPA.
Daughter?
Saya's?
MY daughter?
MAMA WAS NINETEEN AND PAPA WAS...
FIFTEEN?
A PRETTY UNIVERSITY GIRL FOR A HOME-TUTOR, EH...?
WHAT WAS SHE TEACHING YOU?
I WONDER, TOO.

SAYA...
YOUR MOTHER,
DOES SHE KNOW YOU'RE HERE?
WHAT?!
SHE'S...
SHE'S GONE.

THIS IS IT FOR TODAY.
SUBMIT YOUR REPORTS BEFORE 3 P.M. THIS THURSDAY.
REPORTS SUBMITTED LATER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
Come to think of it, university students are still children.
S. AGARA-SENSEI!
WE HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE REPORTS.
COULD WE HAVE LUNCH TOGETHER AT THE CANTEEN?
Ever since that day...
SENSEI...?


...everything...
...has stopped.
S-
PAPA!

Five
I have another dream from the same time I became a re-modeled human.
In my dream, I can't sleep in the middle of the night and my mom, who sleeps right next to me, starts to inflate like a balloon. She starts to fill the room, but she just keeps inflating even more...
At this rate, the world will be de-stroyed!
I am so certain of this, that I shout Mother! Forgive me, it's for the greater cause! (roughly translated)
Telling myself this, I take out a small needle (that I carry for some reason) and prick her in the butt and air starts rushing out and the balloon speeds left and right through the room.
And that's how I protected the peace of the world.
Mother, I'm sorry
WHY ARE YOU IN THE UNIVERSITY?
WHAT ABOUT SCHOOL?
DON'T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF ♪
I don't need a bento!
YOU FORGOT YOUR BENTO, PAPA
REN-KUN GAVE IT TO ME TO BRING YOU
BUT FORGET ABOUT THAT...
YOU'RE A SWINDLER
IT'S MY JOB IMAGE.
Completely different than what you're at home!

WELL, THEN, PAPA—
WHAT?

Sigh
SO THAT'S HOW YOU PICK UP UNIVERSITY GIRLS
ANYWAY STOP CALLING ME PAPA
People will misunderstand
THEN,
FATHER?
PAPA IS FINE

Dejected

SO MANY PEOPLE ARE WATCHING THAT IT HURTS

Sin
"Him and her, plus one"
This is a shoujo manga, and yet the main character is a man around thirty. But oh, well, he's still a wet-behind-the-ears kid inside.
I didn't know a lot about how a university functions, so I received a lot of help from a friend who works at one. I vaguely felt that a teacher of mathematics or physics would be easiest to understand, but it turns out that lecturers in science and mathematics are very busy, flying overseas, often working in groups and so on and therefore they need unexpectedly good communication skills. But for my Akihito, I needed a character that's more isolated and introverted, like myself, and that's how I decided to go with philosophy lecturer
He's a full-fledged member of society who never appears in society
AGE-WISE, HE'S AN ADULT, BUT YOU KNOW, BEING A SCHOLAR IS LIKE AN EXTENSION OF ONE'S SCHOOL DAYS.
IS PAPA ACTUALLY A BIG BOTHER?
Ahh the image I had established was busted
ALTHOUGH YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT STUFF LIKE SCHOOLGIRL PROSTITUTION OR LOLICON
I'm not worried about that
WELL THEN, I HAVE A PART-TIME JOB.
I'M STAYING AT A FRIEND'S PLACE NEARBY, SO FEEL FREE TO USE MY ROOM.
I'LL COME COOK YOU DINNER.
AND FOOD?
FATHER AND DAUGHTER DON'T NEED OUTSIDERS.
YOU GOOD FOR NOTHING PAIR

IS PAPA'S FAMILY KIND OF... COMPLICATED?
MORE OR LESS
DAD IS A SON-IN-LAW ADOPTED INTO THE FAMILY. NOT ONLY DID HE PLAY WITH WOMEN ON THE SIDE, HE EVEN HAD ME WITH A MISTRESS.
PERHAPS AS A REACTION TO THAT, HIS MOTHER CLUNG TO HER SON
THEY ARE A FAMILY OF DOCTORS AND PUT HIM IN SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR GIFTED CHILDREN WHEN HE WAS VERY LITTLE
I HEARD THAT HE HAS HAD SEVERAL HOME TUTORS SINCE HE STARTED SCHOOL, TOO.
Although in the end he chose a completely different career
AND ONE OF THOSE TUTORS...
CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING, TOO?
...REALLY AKIHITO'S DAUGHTER?
ARE YOU...

YOU TOO,
LOOK NOTHING LIKE HIM
PAPA?
ARE YOU ASLEEP?
clack
ruffle
rustle
rustle
clack
HEY!
JUMP
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
Yawn
IF I WAS A SON, THIS WOULD BE AN "OPEN RELATIONSHIP."
BUT SEEING AS I'M A DAUGHTER, THEN I GUESS... "PILLOW TALK?"
DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN?

WITHOUT LYING.
FROM THE FIRST MOMENT WE MET, OUR HEARTS WERE AFLUTTER
SAY SOMETHING!
A TALE?
FOR EXAMPLE
HOW YOU AND MAMA GOT TOGETHER!
Or something
I WANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH
CHILDREN...
...DO NOT TAKE WELL TO LIES
THE FIRST TIME I MET SAYA,
I THOUGHT "AH, I WANNA DO HER SHE LOOKS EASY."
AND YOU REALLY DID HER.
Hey
"SENSEI..."
"SENSEI!"
"EH? AH, WHO, ME?"
"WHO ELSE IS HERE?"
"S-SORRY."
It's the first time someone's called me "sensei."

At first...
it was just a game to pass the time.
What kind of face would she make...
if she were hurt?
SHE WAS LIKE SOME AIR-HEADED PRINCESS, IGNORANT OF THE WAYS OF THE WORLD.
SHE INSTANTLY BELIEVED EVEN THE MOST OBVIOUS LIES
SHE NEVER DOUBTED A WORD I SAID.
IT IRRITATED ME
TO NO END
THE WORLD IS NOT SUCH A BEAUTIFUL PLACE
TENDERNESS AND HONESTY ARE ALWAYS TROD ON IN THE END
LIFE DOESN'T OBEY LOGIC
I WANTED TO MAKE HER UNDERSTAND THESE THINGS

IT MIGHT AS WELL BE YOU?
IN OTHER WORDS,
YOU THOUGHT THAT IF SOMEONE WAS GOING TO DIRTY HER ANYWAY,
DON'T WRAP IT UP SO EASILY.
Am I wrong?
You are!
THEEEEN,
WHEN DID ALL THAT CHANGE?
OR MAYBE...
...IT WAS A GAME ALL ALONG?
AKIHITO-KUN?
THAT'S HOW MAMA CALLED YOU.
WHAT'S WITH THE "AKIHITO-KUN?"
"AKIHITO-KUN."
...makes my temperature rise
Just hearing my name like that...
ON THE WAY BACK FROM SCHOOL
DARN, EVEN THEIR VOICES ARE ALIKE

It was supposed to be...
...just a game...
"IT'S NOT TRUE..!"
"WHO'S THAT?"
"MY STUDENT FROM MY PART-TIME JOB AS A HOME-TUTOR"
WE MET BY CHANCE
SHE WAS WITH SOME FRIENDS FROM SOME UNIVERSITY CLUB OR SOMETHING
The promise was half-joke, half-truth.
"SHALL WE RUN AWAY TOGETHER?"
SAYA WAS FIRED FROM HER JOB AS A HOME TUTOR, SO IT BECAME HARDER TO SEE EACH OTHER
AFTER THAT, PEOPLE FOUND OUT WE WERE DATING
SHUT UP!
We were young
SO EMBARRASSING!
ECK

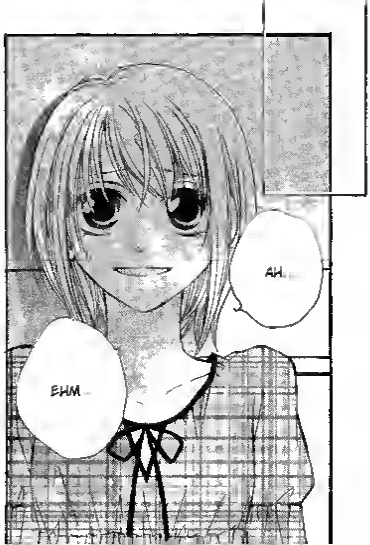
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
SAYING GOODBYE IS WHEN...
...THINGS WOULD REALLY HAVE ENDED
THAT'S WHY...
THA...
THAT'S...
SHE DIDN'T EVEN COME TO SAY GOODBYE,
MUCH LESS TELL ME THAT SHE WAS PREG-NANT
NO.
I SUPPOSE I SHOULD SAY I WAS DUMPED....
IN THE END,
SHE DIDN'T SHOW UP AT THE PLACE WE HAD DE-CIDED ON
KAZUSA.
A KID IS CONSOLING ME.
BY THE WAY...
I NEVER ASKED ABOUT YOUR NAME...
WAH, YOU FINALLY ASKED!
YOU!

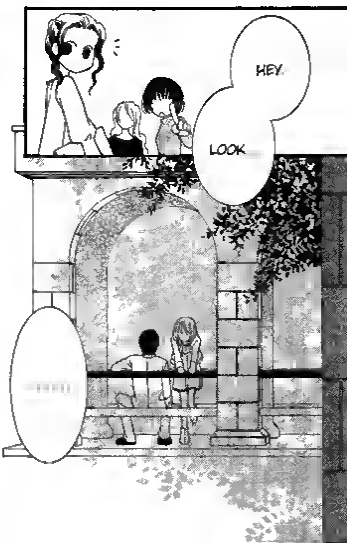
IT'S MADE UP OF ONE CHARACTER OF BOTH MY PARENTS' NAMES
KAZUSA
One morning I received...
...a delivery from thirteen years ago.
I suppose...
...that night from the start, I...
AKIHITO-KUUUUN!
♡

I HEARD REN-KUN IS AIMING TO BE A PRO-FESSIONAL COOK
WHEN DID HE MANAGE TO TELL HER EVEN THAT?
I BET HE CAN DO IT!
HE'LL BE A BISHIE CHEF!
ARE YOU DOING THIS ON PURPOSE?
IT'S ON PURPOSE, RIGHT?!
Another bento made with loving care?
He probably swings that way
Mmmm
I THOUGHT IT WAS BETTER THAN GETTING SOME WEIRD PART-TIME JOB, SO I ACCEPTED, BUT....
Although it's not very cultural
SO, HE DUMPED IT ON YOU?
BESIDES, IF IT'S A CHILDREN'S SHOW....
Age-wise, she should be married and with a little child by now...
Or so I thought.
NOT MY WORDS
"Super"?
Why?
ALTHOUGH I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THE "SUPER-GORGEOUS PHILOSOPHER," THOUGH
THE INVITATION TO STAR IN THE SHOW CAME TO MY PROFESSOR, NOT ME....
"HOW ABOUT YOU GO?"
"WHA?"
"AH, HE'S COOL, THIS ONE."
"HE'S AN EXCELLENT MAN SOME SAY HE WILL MAKE IT TO ASSISTANT-PROFESSOR ONLY NEXT YEAR."
On the spur of the moment
Just passing by

Will she ever indeed have a child?
Unexpectedly big child
?
Grab
WHAT?
NOTHING.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, ARE YOU SKIPPING SCHOOL AGAIN TOD—
FLICK
HEY...
HOW MANY HAVE YOU SMOKED TODAY?
DO YOU MIND
IF I SMO—
YOU CAN'T.
FIRST OF ALL, ASKING IF IT'S ALL RIGHT TO SMOKE IS BASIC MANNERS, DON'T YOU THINK?
THE ASHTRAY IN YOUR ROOM IS A MOUNTAIN
HOW MANY PACKS DO YOU SMOKE A DAY?
I GET CARRIED AWAY WITH MY THESIS
REN-KUN WAS CLEANING AFTER YOU, YOU KNOW?
AT LEAST TAKE CARE OF YOUR OWN CIGARETTE-BUTTS!
You good for nothing adult!

YOU CANNOT.
BY THE WAY...
You damned brat!
Burnable trash!
SAYA HATED SMOKING WITH A PASSION, TOO
SHE OFTEN SCOLDED ME...
Ah...
"SCOLDED"...?


AH...
EHM...


HEY.
LOOK.

SO EVEN UNIVERSITY GIRLS DO THIS KIND OF STUFF..
WHAT AM I...?
Ehm
DELIVERING STUFF?
SHE'S MY DAUGHTER
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH SAGARA-SENSEI?!
YOU HANG AROUND EVERY DAY!
YOU'RE AN EYE-SORE!
Dumbfounded
HEY!
IS THIS REALLY ALL RIGHT?
Women's nformational network is amazing you know?
IF IT'S THE TRUTH, I DON'T CARE WHO KNOWS IT

DON'T TELL ME...
YOU LOVE MAMA EVEN NOW?
GIVE ME YOUR HANDS
IT'S INCONVENIENT TO GO WITHOUT ONE, RIGHT?
A KEY?
GO TO SCHOOL TOMORROW

YOU DON'T EVEN
DOUBT IT
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
AGRH,
SO I SKIPPED SCHOOL FOR THREE DAYS, I DIDN'T NEED TWO HOUR PREACHING!
CREAK
BANG
I HAVE TO HURRY,
OR AKIHITO-KUN WILL BE HOME
OPEN

AH...
AKIHI-TO-KUN, YOU'RE HOME...
AH...
I WENT TO SCHOOL TODAY, YOU KNOW?
They were mad at me
EH...
WAIT...
I'M JUST CHANGING MY CLOTHES—
Grab
Grab

THIS IS MY HIGH SCHOOL'S
...UNIFORM.
GET OUT.
COVERING UP THREE YEAR'S DIFFERENCE IS HARDER THAN I THOUGHT—
WELL, RIGHT FROM THE START, I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BUY THE DAUGHTER STORY ANYWAY
AHHH
YOU GOT ME

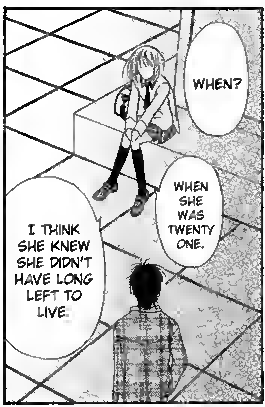
I-I DON'T WANT...
...TO SEE YOUR FACE ANYMORE.
AKIHITO.
HE'S SO BOTHER-SOME.
WHERE'S KAZUSA-CHAN?
Gone?
AKIHITO ..?
HER MOTHER IS HERE FOR HER.
SLAM

EH..
HER ONLY LIVING RELATIVES WERE A MUCH OLDER SISTER...
...WHO ACTED AS HER PARENTS AND THAT SISTER'S DAUGHTER.
I'M SURE SAYA TOLD ME YOUR NAMES, BUT I HAD COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT ALL THAT.
ONE CHARACTER FROM EACH PARENT.
EH...
ARE...
ARE YOU MAD AT ME?
YOUR MOM CAME TO MY HOUSE.
EH?!
Mom: Sae
Dad: Kazuya
That wasn't a lie

GRRRR!
I'll kill him!
"WHO'S THAT MAN?!"
SHE'S OVER-PROTECTIVE. WHEN SHE LEARNED SAYA HAD A BOYFRIEND, SHE WAS LIKE:
SHE REALLY SNAPPED
SECRET
BUT SAYA-CHAN, BEING WHO SHE IS, JUST SMILED AND SAID
AND NOTHING MORE
Knows no fear
First my precious little sister and now my daughter! What do you think you're doing, you shirty bear?!
I THOUGHT SHE'D MURDER ME...
I'M...
I'M SORRY
I go meant to back home before she returned from her overseas business trip
THAT'S WHY "AKIHITO-KUN" WAS A SECRET
JUST BETWEEN THE TWO OF US
SO I FELT SO SORRY FOR YOU THAT I COULDN'T TELL YOU THE TRUTH...
YOU WERE UNEXPECTED-LY INTO SAYA-CHAN,
AFTER I MET YOU I STARTED REGRETTING THAT, LITTLE BY LITTLE
YOU KNOW, AT FIRST...
I MEANT THIS TO BE JUST SOME LITTLE TEASING ON MY PART, WHEN I SAW YOU APPEAR-ING ON TV,
BEING CALLED GORGEOUS AND GENER-ALLY BEING FULL OF YOURSELF BUT...
Teasing?

THAT SAYA-CHAN
...IS DEAD NOW.

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN SHE HAD SOME COMPELLING REASON TO DO IT...
I SHOULD HAVE REALIZED IT WHEN YOU SAID "SHE'S GONE" THE FIRST TIME.
SAYA WOULD NEVER LEAVE HER CHILD AND JUST DISAPPEAR.
Ever since that day...


WHEN?
WHEN SHE WAS TWENTY ONE.
I THINK SHE KNEW SHE DIDN'T HAVE LONG LEFT TO LIVE.

I've been searching.
SAGARA AKIHITO-SAMA
YOU HAVE A DELIVERY FROM TOKIEDA SAYA
To Sagara Akihito.

That day, I was going to tell you I want us to break up
If we broke up well, this would turn into a good memory. If we broke up badly, it would turn into a bad memory
However, when I saw you waiting at the place we had promised to meet,
I lost my words.
I can't believe that today or tomorrow these feelings will be gone.
Will it be as if nothing ever happened...?
That's why, I wanted to know that at least inside you, I will always live on..
I love you.
I still love you, so why does my life have to end in the middle...?

But what reached me were feelings without a shape.
I wanted...
...to wait for Saya forever.
SHE RE-WROTE IT SEVERAL TIMES
SHE TOLD ME TO THROW AWAY THE OLDER ONES, BUT
THIS ONE MIGHT BE A LITTLE DIFFICULT TO READ,
BECAUSE AT THE VERY END, SHE COULDN'T EVEN HOLD THE PEN WELL
That day...
I was simply happy
I was watching the city turn white, and
I fell the last snow for that winter.

The time that had stopped is moving again.

NOOOO!
I WON'T GO HOME! ADOPT ME INTO YOUR HOUSE, AKI-HITO-KUN!
NO, THANKS.
SHE'LL KILL ME IF I GO BACK!
OF COURSE NOT.
JUST BEAT YOU WITHIN AN INCH OF YOUR LIFE.
NOOOOO!

I'LL TELL! I'LL TELL ON YOU!
I'LL TELL WE SLEPT TOGETHER AND YOU SAW ME WHEN I WAS UNDRESS-ING!
I'LL EXPOSE EVERY-THING!
If I go down I'll take you with me!
THEN...

Something inside is starting to heat up, just a little.

This country came to be where a star fell to earth.
"In the farthest end to the west of the world, there is a paradise where the people beloved by a God live."
It is protected by the sea and by a mountain range, towering as if in defiance to the landscape around it.
Unnoticed, it came to be known among people as a mythological place.
They say that even now, in the castle overseeing the whole country...
...dwells a God.

This is the God's...
...miniature garden.
カリガミの姫君
ひめぎみ
KARIGAMI PRINCESS

Waaah~
GO, LITTLE LADY!
IF YOU WIN, THAT'LL BE TEN PEOPLE IN A ROW!
AH.
slip
Clash
Waaaa
GOT YOU!
Clinnnnnng
Gwah
Eh...

K...
Laugh
Laugh
KYLE?!
WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
It's been four years since Kyle drifted to this country.
Here, where there are no relationships with other countries, his appearance seems odd and exotic.
IT'S TRUE, HIS EYES AND HAIR ARE PITCH BLACK DARKNESS
CHATTER
Look!
HE'S THE FOREIGNER WHO WAS WASHED OUT ON THE SHORE SOME TIME AGO.
So he's alive?
WHO'S THAT MAN...?
Ah!
MAY I HAVE A FLOWER? ♪
EH?
GASP
Stole the prize

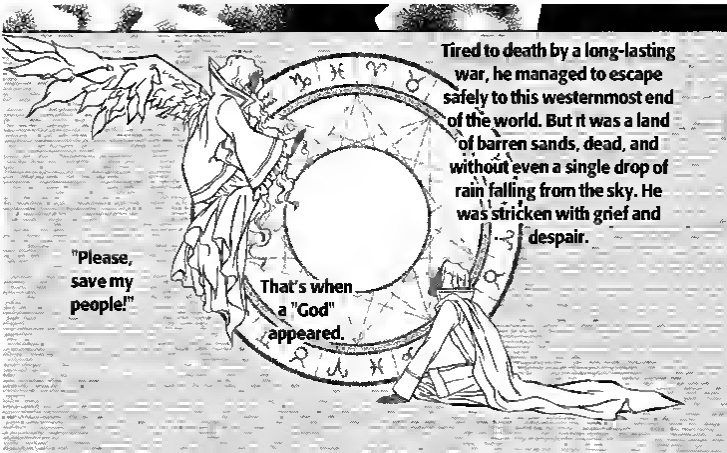
WHAT'S THIS?
YOU LOOK SOUR TODAY...
"GODDESS"...!
EH...?
This
HEY!
YOU STUPID—
I DID THIS TO MYSELF!
KILL
Flick
Stick
The opponent just now
THERE'S AN UPROAR AT THE CASTLE BECAUSE YOU DISAPPEARED SO SUDDENLY...
HEY, YOU! LET ME GO!
THIS IS SEXUAL HARASSMENT!
IF YOU WANTED TO SEE THE FESTIVAL, YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME
WAIT A—
SEXUAL HARASSMENT?
What's that?
Never heard the expression before.

THIS IS SEXUAL HARASSMENT.
Sexual harrasment kiss?
Delicious
Don't listen to her bro!
turn
HUD

MAY THE GOD'S BLESSING BE WITH YOU, BIG SIS
WAIT! THE FLOWERS!
He's unexpectedly flustered
He hit the wall! He really hit it!
All I have is a body and this name.
FESTIVAL FOR THE CREATION OF THE COUNTRY?
WHAT? YOU DIDN'T KNOW EVEN THAT?
IT'S A FESTIVAL HELD ONCE EVERY TWELVE YEARS TO SHOW OUR GRATITUDE TO THE GOD.
AH,
BUT THE ONE CHOSEN THIS TIME, PRINCESS LEIA, IS SO BEAUTIFUL!
"Chosen?"
AS ELEGANTLY GENTLE AS THE LIGHT OF THE MOON,
RAINBOWS APPEAR IN THE SKY EVERY TIME SHE LOOKS UP,
AND IF SHE SMILES, EVEN THE STARS START TO BLINK IN SHAME!
Who?

AFTER ALL, THOSE WITH A HIGH ENOUGH NOBLE BIRTH TO BE SACRIFICED TO THE GOD ARE A DIFFERENT SORT OF PEOPLE.
THE GOD SHOULD BE...
...IMMENSELY HAPPY.

Long ago, there lived a monarch called the "Jasper King."


Tired to death by a long-lasting war, he managed to escape safely to this westernmost end of the world. But it was a land of barren sands, dead, and without even a single drop of rain falling from the sky. He was stricken with grief and despair.
"Please, save my people!"
That's when a "God" appeared.

"I will grant your wish."
"But in return..."
THE FIRST SACRIFICE WAS THE JASPER KING HIMSELF
NEXT WERE HIS DAUGHTERS.
THEN HIS SON.
ONCE EVERY TWELVE YEARS, ONE OF THE KING'S DESCENDANTS IS SACRIFICED.
FOR THE LAST 700 YEARS, ENEMY COUNTRIES HAVE NEVER PENETRATED HERE AND WE'VE ENJOYED CONTINUOUS PLENTY AND PEACE
THIS STONE MONUMENT IS FOR THOSE WHO GAVE UP THEIR LIVES FOR THE SAKE OF THE COUNTRY.
AT THE FESTIVAL TWELVE YEARS AGO, MY BIG BROTHER WAS SACRIFICED.
AND NOW...
YOUR NAME WILL BE THE NEXT ENGRAVED ON THAT MONUMENT, WILL IT?
PRINCESS LEIA

WELL, I SUPPOSE SO.
RUSTLE
MY LITTLE BROTHERS ARE LESS THAN TEN YEARS OLD.
AND IN THE ROYAL GENEALOGY TREE, I'M THE FURTHEST FROM THE THRONE.
ACTUALLY...
IT WAS MY NAME THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ENGRAVED HERE TWELVE YEARS AGO...
BUT THEY PROBABLY THOUGHT ME TOO YOUNG AND UNWORTHY BACK THEN.
MY BROTHER HAD THE SAME SILVERY HAIR AND JASPER EYES AS THE JASPER KING
HE WAS CALLED HIS "COMEBACK."
EVERYONE THOUGHT THAT HE WOULD BECOME THE MONARCH TO GUIDE THIS COUNTRY ONE DAY...
BUT HE BECAME MY REPLACEMENT.
IN THE END, IT'S STILL MY TURN, SO HE DIED IN VAIN...
I WILL LET YOU DIE BEFORE ME?
DO YOU THINK...
YOU MAKE SURE TO COME AND PUT FLOWERS ON MY GRAVE AT LEAST FROM TIME TO TIME—

His eyes, even his speech are different from ours...
...and he came from a country without a "God..."
LONG AGO,
MY BROTHER SAID:
"A TREASURE WILL DRIFT ASHORE AFTER A STORM AT SEA."
IF THE LAND OVER THAT SEA IS SO RICH,
THEN ONE DAY I WANT TO SEE THE COUNTRY WHERE YOU WERE BORN, KYLE
KYLE,
YOU...
WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO BE SECRETLY A PRINCE FROM ONE OF THE GREAT COUNTRIES ON THE CONTINENT OR SOMETHING WOULD YOU?
SECRETLY...?
THERE'S NO SHIP THAT WOULD STAND THE STORM-WAVES OF THE OPEN SEA
AND IF YOU TRY GOING OVER THE MOUNTAINS, THEY ARE ETERNALLY FROZEN IN DEEP ICE
Although thanks to that enemy countries cannot invade that way
I KNOW!
It's impossible.
I just said it like that

YOUR HIGH-NESS
AH, THE CHIEF PRIEST IS HERE HIM-SELF TO TAKE ME.
SO YOU SAY THAT EVEN IF WE GET OUT OF THE CASTLE WE'RE STILL TRAPPED IN A BIRDCAGE.
EH...
DON'T WORRY. I JUST CAME TO SAY MY FINAL FARE-WELL TO MY BROTHER.
PRIN-CESS

DROP
huff
AND AFTER ALL
IT CAN'T BE HELPED
THIS COUNTRY KNOWS OF NO OTHER WAY TO EXIST BUT TO DEPEND ON THE "GOD'S" BLESSING
PRIN-CESS
A sweet aroma
. is numbing my senses.

AND SO, LEIA-SAMA,
WE WILL COME FOR YOU LATER
CLOSE
clatter
IF I TOLD YOU I WANTED YOU TO TAKE ME AND RUN AWAY WITH ME,
YOU'D FIND A WAY TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE, WOULDN'T YOU?

That day was the first time... I escaped the castle ever since I was born.

SXab

*Note: "Free" is "kyle" in her native tongue
YOU ARE FREE*
NOW.
KYLE?
YOU ARE FREE TO GO WHEREVER YOU PLEASE
DO WHATEVER YOU LIKE
JUST DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO

WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO ABOUT THAT MAN?
I WONDER WHY HIS MAJESTY APPOINTED THAT MAN AS PRINCESS LEIA'S GUARDIAN?
WE CAN'T LET HIM ROAM FREE IN THE CITY.
BUT THE TRUTH IS I REGRET GETTING RID OF HIM.
CHIEF PRIEST!
IT'S EXACTLY BECAUSE YOU SAY SUCH HALF-HEARTED THINGS THAT PROBLEMS OCCUR!
WE CANNOT LET OUTSIDERS DIRTY THE ROYAL BLOOD-LINE ANY-MORE...
SO YOU SAY INHERITING ONLY THE KING'S BLOOD IS GOOD ENOUGH?
WHAT ...?
IF ONLY SHE HAD GIVEN BIRTH BEFORE THE RITUAL,
WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE NEXT SACRI-FICE...
STEP
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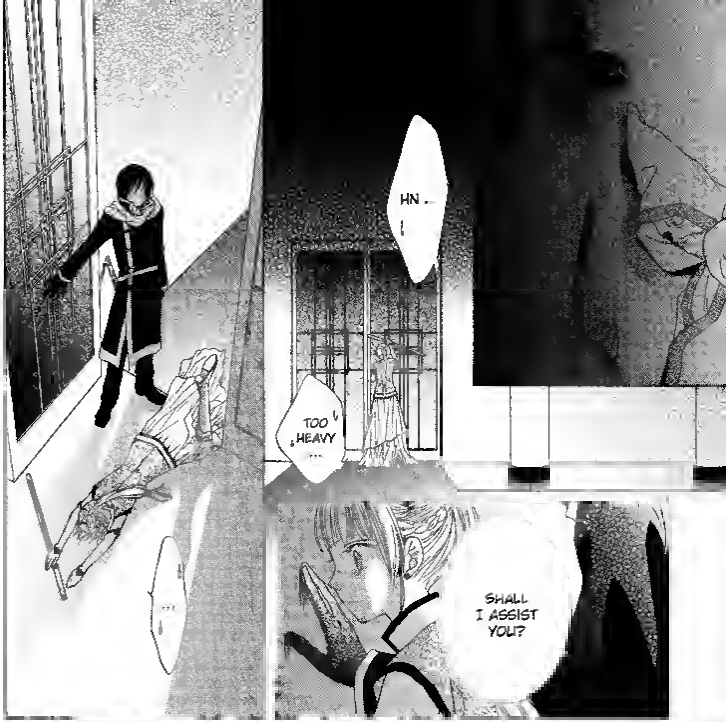

HN..
!
TOO HEAVY ...
SHALL I ASSIST YOU?
...
!

YOUR ADMIRABLE BEHAVIOR WAS TOO SUSPICIOUS.
Are you trying to kill me?
SO I COULDN'T HELP BUT BE ON MY GUARD
What's that supposed to mean?
HE SAID THAT SUCH A DOSE WOULD PUT TO SLEEP EVEN A BUFFALO FOR A DAY!
?
THAT DAMNED CHEMIST ...

Don't tell me he did this to him self?
WE CAN RUN AWAY, YOU KNOW?
HIS MAJESTY TOLD ME TO TAKE YOU WHEREVER YOU WANT TO GO
GOOD JOB FINDING ME HERE
MY FATHER ..?
The only person who can injure Kyle is...
HE'S HURT !?
WHO
ARE YOU TALKING TO,
YOU SUPER MASOCHIST?!
SQUEEZE
"masochist"
What's "masochist"?
IF A PERSON WHO STABS HIMSELF IS NOT A SUPER MASOCHIST, THEN WHO IS?!
I can't walk n this
Inarticulate speech
WHY ARE YOU...
...GOING THIS FAR FOR ME?

If I run away, father will be next here.
Just like my big brother.
Next will be one of my younger brothers or their children
I don't want anyone to replace me anymore.
Over and over again...
BECAUSE OF FATHER'S ORDER?
BECAUSE YOU'RE MY GUARDIAN?
OR BECAUSE YOU FEEL INDEBTED TO ME?
BECAUSE I PICKED YOU UP THAT TIME?
KIP
KIP
YOU SAID IT.
YOU TOLD ME TO DO WHAT I WANT TO DO
THAT DAY...
WHEN YOU SAVED ME
AND GAVE ME A NAME
I EARNED MY FREEDOM

Seven
"Kamigami Princess" I remember struggling with the amount of pages all the time. I thought I couldn't fit everything into 40 pages and thought of changing the story several times, but the art for it had already been printed in the magazine and I felt the story really was going somewhere, so I struggled with it to the best of my ability.
The development was unexpectedly late, time was pressing me, so maybe I felt stressed and I couldn't sleep a wink (although I was horribly sleepy), so I bested my own record for continuous working time.
Do people die if they don't sleep for such a long time?
I was really getting worried about this, but I'm safely alive.
DO I...
...NEED A REASON TO PROTECT YOU?
THAT'S WHY...
I HATED IT.
"YOU ARE FREE."
When I put it into words...
...I realized that I was not free
THIS COUNTRY WAS MY EVERYTHING
BUT WHEN YOU APPEARED,
THE WORLD EXPANDED

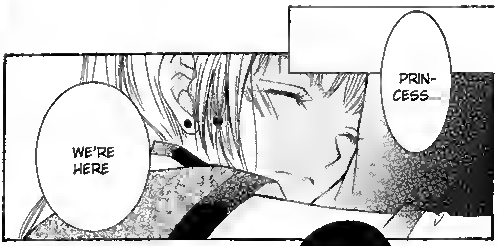
I was trapped.
I was convinced that there was only one road open before me.
I WILL BREAK WITH MY OWN HANDS...
...ALL STUPID CONVENTIONS
What I have now...
KNUCKLE SANDWICH?
LIKE TUNA SANDWICH...?
How?
NO, IT'S NOT LIKE A TUNA SANDWICH!
SO...
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO?
GIVE THAT "GOD" A KNUCKLE SANDWICH!
KILL OR BE KILLED.
THAT'S THE ONLY KIND OF SELF-DEFENSE THAT HISTORY RECOGNIZES
YOU'LL BE CURSED.

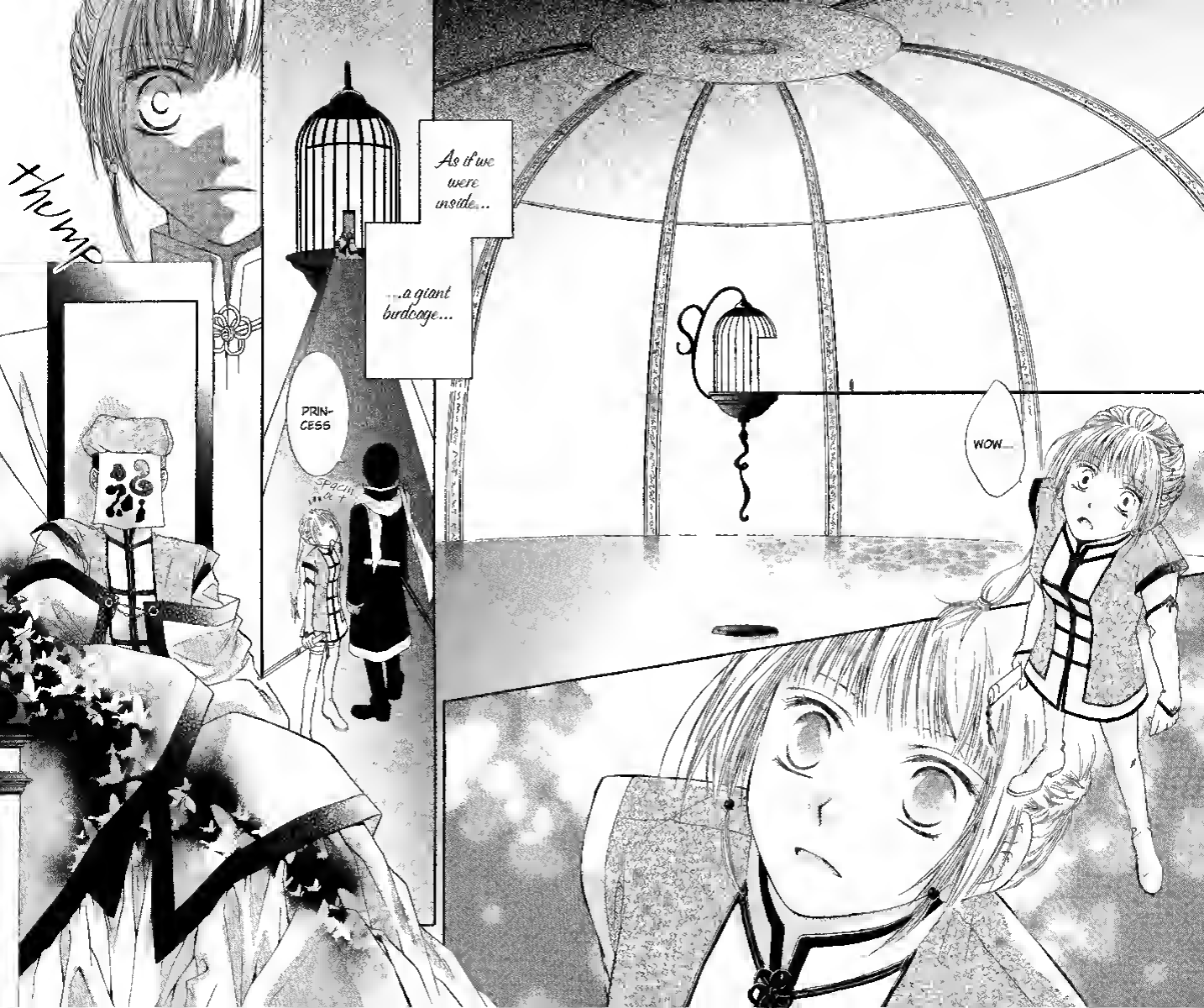
Like this?
munch munch
FOR A SNACK
HE EATS THEM?
I WONDER WHY THE GOD REQUIRES A SACRIFICE?
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T BELIEVE. IT'S JUST.
HOW CAN YOU BE AFRAID OF CURSES IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN THE GOD?
IN THAT CASE...
IS THAT REALLY A "GOD"...?
DEAD END
IT'S BELOW
THE PRIESTS CONFIDED THAT TO GET TO THE GOD, YOU NEED A KEY
"CONFIDED"...?
Used force to get a confession
WHAT?
Nothing

In return for my blessing,
give me a sacrifice.
If you want your country to be at peace,
think of it as a necessary evil.
THE KEY IS...
...THE ROYAL BLOOD.
...what the God wishes?...
If that is...
So that really a "God"..?
flash

Eighth

The "kamigami" in the title can be spelled either as "makeshift god" or "hunting god." I got the name of the princess from a certain movie about the struggle between parent and children set in space. Of course, then the older brother's name has to be... no, not Luke. Anakin. I bet the last words the big brother left were: "I'm your father..." (That was my plan.)




thump
As if we were inside...
...a giant birdcage...
PRIN-CESS
WOW...

THAT'S HOW
...HUMANS CALL ME
ARE YOU THE GOD?
Human shape?!
Stab
My hand...
DO IT, OR ELSE
ARE YOU GOING TO KILL A GOD?
THANKS FOR THE GOOD JOB THESE LAST 700 YEARS
YOU CAN GO BACK TO HEAVEN NOW
SORRY,
BUT I HAVE NO INTENTION OF BECOMING YOUR SACRIFICE.
Aren't you going to talk about it first?

...and my voice...
BLOOD REALLY IS THICKER THAN WATER, EH?
TWELVE YEARS AGO,
I STABBED THE "GOD" JUST LIKE THIS, TOO.
...are shaking.
I WAS TELLING MYSELF THAT I WILL FINISH WITH MY OWN HANDS...
...THIS ABOMINABLE TRADITION
BUT IN THE END, NOTHING CHANGED
What...
I WAS A FOOL
...BEYOND SAVING
SHUT UP!

Unchanged after twelve years...
BIG BRO-THER
Silver hair...
stagger
...and jasper eyes.
Slip
PRINCESS!

KYLE ...?
shiver
KY—
Eh...
drop
cough cough
He protected me when we fell...

flash
AH.
IT'S NO USE TRYING TO TRICK ME BY ASSUMING MY BROTHER'S FACE!
WHA
WHAT?!
It's shining?
SEEMS THAT THIS FOREIGNER'S BLOOD HAS BECOME THE KEY
THE GATES TO THE OUTSIDE OF THIS COUNTRY ARE OPEN
GO.
EH
YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES...
...TO GET OUT OF THIS CAGE OF A COUNTRY.
CRUNCH

Don't tell me this person is...
HURRY.
CRAWL
I KNEW IT.
YOU'LL EAT ME, RIGHT?
BEFORE THE GOD
Grab
IN ORDER TO KEEP PROTECTING THIS COUNTRY,
HE NEEDS A SACRIFICE.
THE GOD CANNOT BREAK THE CONTRACT.
...MAKES YOU HIS SACRIFICE.
Twelve years ago...
IT'S NOT...
...AS IF THE CONTRACT WAS MADE WITH ME...

slash
...never give up on this life!
THAT'S WHY I MUST
...nobody gave me a second look.
I was written off as just another sacrifice who has to die for its country and people
I only had those gentle hands...
IF I CUT OFF YOUR ARM, BLOOD FLOWS.
splash

IF YOU KILL ME, YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR DUE PUNISHMENT.
THE GOD DOES NOT DIE.
THEN WHERE DO I HAVE TO CUT TO EXTINGUISH THIS "GOD'S" LIFE?
LIKE YOU DID?
EVEN IF IT WAS FOR YOUR LITTLE SISTER'S SAKE,
IT SEEMED COMPLETELY ILLOGICAL THAT YOU, THE HEIR OF THE THRONE, WOULD BECOME HER REPLACEMENT.
WHEN I MET YOU, I FINALLY UNDERSTOOD.
IT'S TRUE THAT BLOOD REALLY IS THICKER THAN WATER.
AND SHE RESEMBLES YOU SO MUCH.

EVEN IF SHE MAY KILL THE "GOD"
SHE SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO KILL HER OWN FATHER
LEI'S MOTHER...
...HAD EYES AND HAIR THE SAME COLOR AS YOU.
A storm brought her
My treasure.
Away from this beautiful miniature garden.
I'VE NEVER PRAYED TO ANY GOD EVER SINCE THEN, BUT...
I WANTED TO RUN AWAY WITH HER

GOD,
PLEASE BLESS MY DAUGHTER

SO...
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO CARRY ME EXACTLY THIS WAY?
ARE YOU CONSCIOUS?
WE'RE ALMOST OUT.
OUT ? ARE WE REALLY GOING TO ANOTHER COUNTRY ?
JUDGING FROM THE DISTANCE THIS PASSAGE SHOULD BE CONNECTED TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD.
FROM THE EXIT, WE CAN GO EVEN LOWER
WELL... I GUESS NOW WE COULDN'T GO BACK TO MY COUNTRY ANYWAY.
BROTHER
DIDN'T SUFFER, DID HE?
PRINCESS
IN THE COUNTRY WHERE I WAS BORN, "LEIA" IS THE NAME OF A STAR.
STAR ?
IT SHINES IN THE EASTERN SKY...
...AND GUIDES TRAVELERS ON THEIR WAY.
IT'S THE STAR OF BLESSING.

The star of blessing...
THAT'S A COINCI-DENCE.
MAYBE.
BUT.
FOR ME,
YOU ARE A BLESSING FROM HEAVEN
All I have is....
this body and this name.
And also...
YOU SAID...
...YOU WOULDN'T LET ME DIE BEFORE YOU
DON'T BREAK THAT PROMISE.
Even if I do not have God's blessing.

七月の花嫁
しちがつ
はなよめ
JULY BRIDE

WAIT!
SCRUB
BANG
WAH?!
KYA!
OUCH
I'M...
I'M SORRY...
KAZUSA!
SHOCK

I...
GLOMP
I'VE PROMISED THIS MAN TO MARRY HIM!
What do I do?
Huff
COME BACK
RUNNING OFF IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MARRIAGE INTERVIEW IS IMPOSSIBLY RUDE TO YOUR PARTNER!
Exactly right
HE'S JUST A CLEANER WHO HAPPENED TO STAND THERE!
ARE YOU OK WITH HEIGHTS?
whisper
YOU DON'T HAVE TO THINK ABOUT ANYTHING
AND JUST DO WHAT I TELL YOU!
What do I do?
What do I have to do?
Someone...

CHU
KYAAA!
EH—
WELL THEN
THAT'S HOW IT IS
HEY!
OUCH—
40 SECONDS UNTIL THE ROOF
FLY NOW
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
CREEEEAK
elevator
?!

Rooftop
Bang
HEY!
YOU THERE!
EH?
STRIP.
HAVE YOU SEEN A GIRL IN A KIMONO AND A DUMB-LOOKING MAN WITH THE SAME UNIFORM AS YOU?
SO THEY WENT DOWN THE FIRE EXIT!
NOD
DID THEY GO?
SORRY FOR LOOKING DUMB
WELL THEN, DO YOUR BEST
EH?
SAVE YOURSELF FROM NOW ON.
THAT'S
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ON MY OWN!
Give & Take!

HOW MUCH WILL YOU PAY ME?
clench
flop
WHA
UNZIP
blush
WHA...
WITH MONEY OR WITH YOUR BODY,
ANY WAY YOU LIKE IS FINE WITH ME
IF YOU'RE NOT PREPARED TO GO THAT FAR GO BACK TO YOUR DADDY RIGHT HOW
WAVE WAVE
THANKS FOR THE HELP!
I'LL NEVER DEPEND ON YOU AGAIN!
STOMP STOMP STOMP

I MUST DO SOME-THING
...ABOUT CLOTHES-
KYAA!
THUD
?!
Huff...
Huff...
I TOLD YOU, I WON'T RELY ON YOU EVEN IF YOU BEGGED ME—
PLEASE, BE SO KIND AS TO GRACIOUSLY ALLOW ME TO SAVE YOU.
HIDE UNDER THE SHEETS
.....
.....
ROLL ROLL
WHERE DID YOU GET THE OUTFIT?
JUST BOR-ROWED IT.
FIRST, LET'S LEAVE THE HOTEL..
OVA
OK...

HOW MUCH SHOULD I PAY YOU?
NOW, GO BACK TO YOUR ROOM AT ONCE,
AND THEN—
CLICK
EH
EHM
WHAT?
OF COURSE I CAN'T PAY RIGHT AWAY, BUT
I'll
I mean ehm
Ehm
GOOD JOB SURVIVING FOR SUCH A LONG TIME.
EH?
EH?
IF YOU WAIT A BIT, YOUR FATHER'S INDIGNATION WILL COOL OFF.
WHAT WILL YOU DO?
AND IF YOU'RE REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT BECOMING INDEPENDENT, I DON'T MIND HELPING YOU.
LET'S SAY WE'RE EVEN.
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

SO YOU'VE LIVED IN A BOARDING SCHOOL IN ENGLAND ALL THIS TIME?
She's a real spoiled lady
AND THIS YEAR, YOUR FATHER ORDERED YOU TO COME BACK,
AND SHIPPED YOU FROM THE AIRPORT STRAIGHT TO THE MARRIAGE INTERVIEW?
YES, SINCE I WAS ELEVEN.
I GUESS RICH LITTLE LADIES HAVE IT ROUGH, TOO.
What do I want to do...?
Rough..?
NOT REALLY
BUT... HOW DID YOU GUESS HE'S A DETECTIVE AFTER JUST ONE LOOK?
I KNOW ALL OF THEM, FROM A TO Z.
I'VE BEEN IN HIS CARE BEFORE.
AH, SO THAT'S IT...
W-WHY?
WHAT IS IT?
DOES YOUR DAD HAVE CONNECTIONS IN THE POLICE?
OF COURSE NOT!
THERE'S A DETECTIVE IN FRONT OF THE ROOM.
EH?!
IN HIS CARE...?

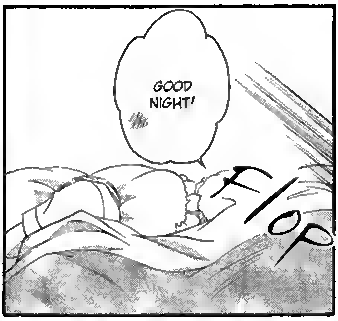
Glare
Come to think of it
HE WAS VERY PROFESSIONAL WHEN WE WERE ESCAPING FROM THE HOTEL, TOO
What in the world...
...is he?
AMAMIYA YUUJI.
HE WAS RECORDED AS A WORKER FOR A SMALL CLEANING COMPANY
THREE DAYS
I WON'T WAIT ANY LONGER.
YES, OF COURSE!
KOUHASHI-KUN,
I WANT TO SEE YOUR SKILLS, TOO
OF COURSE

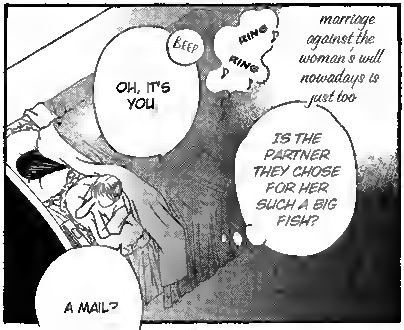
Sparkling
Sparkling
Sparkling
OF COURSE
ARE YOU SUCH A FIDGETY SLEEPER?
No
BUT...
How?
THERE'S ONLY ONE BED...
AMAZING! SWEET!
ARE ALL JAPANESE HOTELS LIKE THIS?!
space out
I'LL USE THE BATHROOM FIRST
I understand
AH
THE BILL WILL BE BIGGER FOR DOUBLE BEDS
HAHA
No way
← Doesn't understand
THUD
FLOP

It's no time to be getting scared now
I don't even know who he is
I somehow came this far...
...on pure zeal...
but what do I do from now on?
HEY!
BATH—
BEEP
GLANCE
Caaaa~
Caaaa~
shock
ABSENT
OH, MAN

SLIP
REACH
Gyaaaa!
Kyaa!
HEY
You all right?
Gyah!
Ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha
Ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha
Lane!
I'm going to the bath
Pfft
BUZZ!

"YOU DON'T MIND, DO YOU?"
When I come out..?
I'm so lame.
This is the worst
He laughed at me
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO LOOK AT HIM WHEN I COME OUT?
Imaginary world
Kyaa! Kyaa!
Fuzzy thoughts
But that kind of food doesn't take no for an answer
Just saw me and leave me!
Wha
What am I thinking?!
Disappear!
Sigh
Anguish
It keeps coming back even if I try to shut it out!
And...
Whatever
I'M SORRY
Mmm
THANKS
snore
HE'S ASLEEP...





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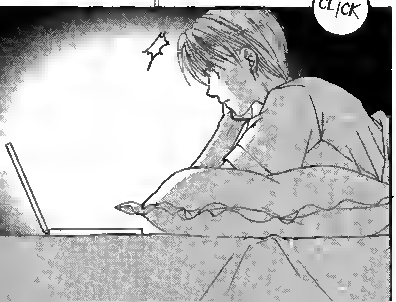

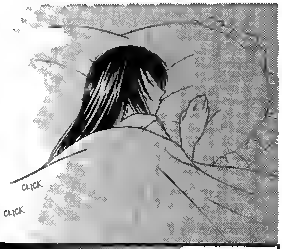

HOW MANY ASSOCIATED COMPANIES ARE THERE?!
It's true, that's the very top of the large business companies...
It's no wonder that there's political pressure on the daughter's marriage, but...

BANG
EMPTY!
ARE YOU SURE THAT THE COMPANION WAS THIS PERSON?
AH!
YES!
I'M SURE THEY WERE HERE JUST A WHILE AGO...
WANTI
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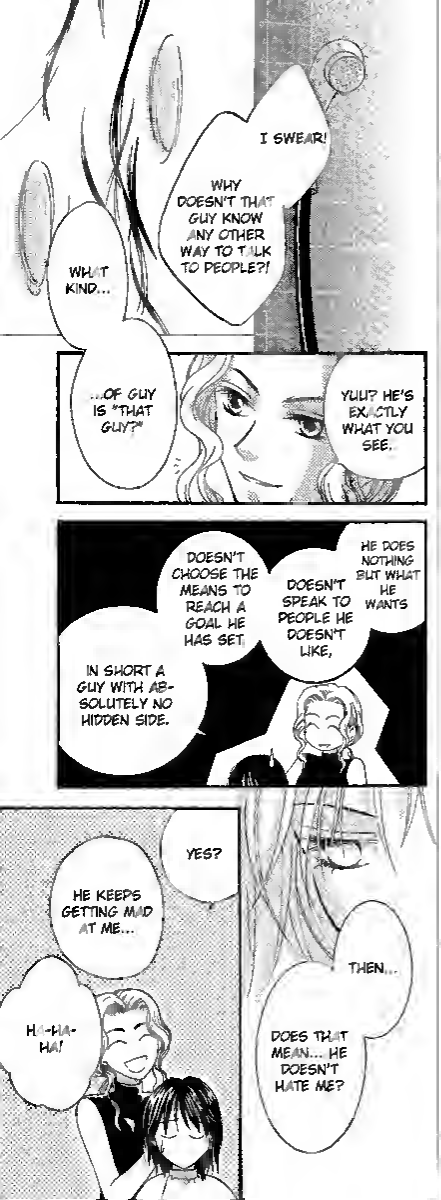
THAT'S QUITE...
A LOW ESTIMATE.
UHMM
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT...?

HOW ABOUT THIS OR THIS?
Ah!
THIS MIGHT SUIT YOU.
Hey!
DON'T MAKE HER WEAR ANYTHING WEIRD.
clingy
CUTE!
clingy
HER SKIN IS SILKY AND HER HAIR IS SHINY.
clingy
SHE'S LIKE A DOLL!
AHHH!
AND WHY DO YOU HAVE SUCH FRILLY CLOTHES IN THE FIRST PLACE?!
Ah?
DON'T TELL ME YOU PLAN TO WEAR THEM?!
YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT?!
EHM...
THEY'RE THE WRONG SIZE!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND A MAIDEN'S HEART!
WHO'S A MAIDEN ?!
ARE YOU TWO LOVERS?
I LIKE WOMEN!
Kyaaa!
.....?
Come on
IT'S COLORED SO NICELY

BLACK HAIR SUITS YOU, TOO.
AS EXPECTED OF A BLONDIE
YUU!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO ASK ME ABOUT EVERY-THING
IF YOU THINK YOU SHOULD, THEN DO IT
YOU CAME THIS FAR BE-CAUSE YOU DON'T LIKE YOUR FATHER TELLING YOU WHAT TO DO, RIGHT?
SHOULD I
SHOULD I DO SOMETHING ABOUT MINE, TOO?


I SWEAR!
WHY DOESN'T THAT GUY KNOW ANY OTHER WAY TO TALK TO PEOPLE?!
WHAT KIND...
...OF GUY IS "THAT GUY?"
YUU? HE'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU SEE.
HE DOES NOTHING BUT WHAT HE WANTS
DOESN'T SPEAK TO PEOPLE HE DOESN'T LIKE,
DOESN'T CHOOSE THE MEANS TO REACH A GOAL HE HAS SET.
IN SHORT A GUY WITH ABSOLUTELY NO HIDDEN SIDE.
YES?
HE KEEPS GETTING MAD AT ME...
HA-HA-HA!
THEN...
DOES THAT MEAN... HE DOESN'T HATE ME?

DO YOU WANT ME TO START TELLING YOU WHAT TO DO INSTEAD?
.....

DO YOU HAVE SCISSORS?

HOW TO PUT IT...
HE'S MORE THAN ORDINARY PEOPLE ARE, SO...
..MAYBE HE FEELS RESTRAINED IN MANY WAYS.
EHM...
I THINK HE KNOWS SOME DETECTIVES
BUT IT HAS BECOME A POLICE MATTER ONLY SEVERAL TIMES.
THERE WAS A TIME IN HIS LIFE WHEN HE DID THE MOST UNREASONABLE THINGS.
YES, I GUESS THERE'S A RUTHLESS SIDE TO HIM
BUT YOU KNOW, HE'S BECOME MUCH CALMER LATELY.
EH?!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HE'S THINKING AT ALL,
EVEN THOUGH WE'RE FATHER AND CHILD...
I HADN'T SEEN DAD FOR MANY YEARS
AND HE DIDN'T EVEN CALL...
I BROKE OFF ALL BONDS WITH MY PARENTS BECAUSE I'M THIS WAY.
SOMETIMES PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER EXACTLY BECAUSE THEY ARE RELATED
I...
IT'S NOT THAT I REALLY HATED IT
"WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?"
ALL I WANTED WAS TO RUN AWAY FROM THAT PLACE
I WAS AFRAID BOTH TO GO AGAINST THEM AND TO OBEY THEM.
I WAS JUST SCARED

Nine
"July Bride"
It's a little old. I hadn't read it for a long time (and I writhed while I did.)
The characters are a bit too larger than life. And the only non-black haired man I managed to put in this collection turned black-hair halfway through.
I'm supposed to have drawn this, but there were many parts I had forgotten and thus I was reminded about my own problems with memory. And on top of that, the heroine here and in "Him and her, plus one" have the same names (although spelled with different characters), which came as a second surprise.
I'm such an idiot...
YEAH.
I SAW.
WAS THAT YOUR IDEA?
I KNEW IT.
PULLING THE STRINGS ON THE BANKS AND THE CREDIT CARDS, TOO...
NO MATTER WHAT, THAT'S GOING TOO FAR WHEN YOU'RE UP AGAINST AN ORDINARY NEWBIE
IF THAT'S HOW IT'S GOING TO BE...
IF I HADN'T MET HIM BACK THEN...
...I'M SURE I WOULD HAVE GIVEN UP.
IT MAKES ME VERY RELUCTANT TO GO EASY.

STILL NOT FOUND?!
BANG
BOSS!
I'M VERY SOR—
WHAT?
WELL
EHM...
LOOKS LIKE THERE WAS A VIRUS IN ONE OF THE MAILS, OFFERING INFORMATION...
AH, OF COURSE.
WE USED THE FULL POTENTIAL OF THE PROTECTIVE SYSTEM,
BUT EVEN THE LATEST [redacted] HAS ITS WEAKNESSES
SO WHAT?!
OUR SERVERS WERE DESTROYED

SORRY, SORRY
SO, LET'S GO.
EH?
SORRY FOR THE WAIT!
AH?
EHM ..?
IT'S FINE, JUST COME
GRAB
DON'T TOUCH OTHER PEOPLE'S STUFF.
ALL RIGHT, THAT'S ENOUGH.
ARE YOU PICKING A FIGHT, YOU BAS—
TAR
under 180

VIGILANT
I WANT TO BE, BUT...
DO I look like such an easy woman?
BE MORE VIGILANT!
YOU HAVE TOO MANY OPENINGS, OF COURSE PEOPLE WOULD TRY TO GET AT YOU!
I'M SORRY
AT LEAST TAKE CARE OF THE GUYS WHO MAKE PASSES AT YOU ON YOUR OWN!
KAZUSA, BY ANY CHANCE...
..HAVE YOU NEVER DATED A MAN BEFORE?
THAT'S A SECRET!
ALL RIGHT, NO NEED TO PUT ON AIRS
I'M NOT PUTTING ON AIRS!
EVEN I HAVE—
CRUSH
.....
.....
Not listening
yawn

MY OWN?
I GUESS I HAVE FOREIGN BLOOD MIXED IN SOMEWHERE
SO THAT BLOND HAIR WAS YOUR OWN?
AH..?
IT MUST HAVE BEEN VERY STRONG BLOOD, TO SHOW UP EVEN IN MY HAIR COLOR
MOM IS A PURE JAPANESE, SO IT MUST'VE COME FROM MY FATHER'S SIDE
THE COLOR OF YOUR EYES, YUU
BUT NOW THAT THE ONLY PERSON WHO COULD TELL FOR CERTAIN IS DEAD,
I GUESS I'LL NEVER KNOW THE TRUTH
.....
MY DAD?
IT'S TOO LATE NOW
AREN'T YOU GOING TO TRACE HIM?
BLOOD RELATIONS ARE JUST BOTHERSOME
I CAN LIVE ON MY OWN JUST FINE

PARENTS SURE HAVE IT ROUGH, TOO.
THEY NEVER GET ANY REWARD FOR WHAT THEY DO.
ESPECIALLY MEN WHO HAVE DAUGHTERS...
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU TREASURE A DAUGHTER,
ONE DAY SOME OTHER MAN WILL SNATCH HER.
THEN YOU SHOULD JUST TREASURE YOUR WIFE INSTEAD.
pfft
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.

EH ?
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
Ah.
What?
Somehow
WAKE ME UP IN HALF AN HOUR.
YU—
YUU...?
Frozen Stiff
He really fell asleep
He must be tired
He was up earlier this morning than me
Isn't there anything I can do?
I always rely on him
I always cause him trouble.
Something I can do for him..?

I TOLD YOU TO WAKE ME UP IN HALF AN HOUR!
My neck
YOU WERE SLEEPING SO COMFORTABLY...
WHAT KIND OF IDIOT LETS SOMEONE SLEEP IN THAT POSITION FOR THREE HOURS?!
BUT YOU LOOKED SO CUTE ASLEEP
ALTHOUGH YOU'D BE MAD IF I SAID THAT
POKE
UGH.
HYAAA!
SHO
CK
I KNEW IT...!
Arm gone numb after the sudden rush of blood.
THROB THROB
YOU...
YOU MEANIE...!

STOP...
YUU!
PLEASE...
← Suspiciously worried
NO...
Eeek! It hurts! It throbs
LET GO...
RING RING♪
♪ RING ♪
exhausted
huff
huff
huff
huff
YES!
Damn! IT WAS JUST GETTING INTERESTING!
IF HIS DAUGHTER IS NOT RETURNED WITHIN 48 HOURS,
YOU WILL BE CHARGED WITH ABDUCTION OF A MINOR AND ANNOUNCED AS A WANTED CRIMINAL.
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
TALKING ON THE PHONE.
MR. TSUNAMI IS APPLYING PRESSURE
TSUNAMI KAZUSA IS WITH YOU RIGHT?!
GOOD JOB FINDING THIS NUMBER
As expected of a detective
SHUT UP AND LISTEN!
WHO?

ARE YOU BEING OBSTINATE?! IT'S NOT LIKE YOU
WHAT ARE YOU SO FLARED UP ABOUT?
WELL, I'M STILL A MINOR, YOU KNOW.
They can't reveal my face or my name so it won't be much of an investigation
IT'S NO TIME TO BE SO CALM ABOUT IT!
Don't make fools of the police!
AH, SO HE'S GOT THERE.
Not giving up, good job
NO I'M CALM AND COOL.
MORE THAN I'VE EVER BEEN
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO CONTACT HER.
WHO KNOWS...?
I HAVEN'T MET HER SINCE SHE GOT A DIVORCE
MY MOM?

BANG
DRIP
DRIP
YUU!
COME ON, STAY OUT OF THE WAY.
Hey!
DON'T LAY A FINGER ON THE WOMAN OR WE'LL LOSE THE REWARD MONEY.
IS IT REALLY HIM?
WASN'T HE BLOND IN THE PICTURE ON THE NET?
WHO KNOWS?
WHO CARES!

sfx kick
cough
slam
?!
thud
WHA
THIS IS LEGITIMATE SELF-DEFENSE
Snapped
NO HOLDING BACK.
Eh?
Gyaa~
Wah! Stop!
Let's talk it over!
Idiot! Monster!
Dizzy

KAZUSA ...?
I'M FINE, IT'S NO BIG DEAL
DON'T TOUCH YOU'LL GET BLOODY
CLANK
YUU!
WHAT REWARD MONEY?
IS IT BE-CAUSE
...YOU'RE WITH ME..?
THAT'S MY PROBLEM
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH Y—
I TOLD YOU NOT TO GET INVOLVED WITH ME!

I'm such an idiot.
How could I let this happen?
WAIT!
HEY!
That's not what I meant to happen...!
ENOUGH...

WHAT'S ENOUGH?
...
BECAUSE
BECAUSE AT THIS RATE, YOU WILL!
THIS IS NOT ABOUT ME, IT'S ABOUT YOU!
JUST LET ME GO ALREADY!
YOU'RE NOT HERE JUST BECAUSE YOU WANT TO RUN AWAY FROM YOUR DAD, RIGHT?!

I DON'T KNOW.
I UNDER-ST ND.
...we should not stay to-gether any longer.
WHEN I THINK ABOUT WH T I W NT TO DO...
...NOTHING COMES TO MIND.
The truth is that...
JUST GO WHEREVER YOU PLE SE.

BUT BEFORE THAT,
YOU HAVE TO PAY YOUR DEBT
EH...
YU—
YUKI

AH...
.....
.....
JUST TO LET YOU KNOW...
THAT WASN'T ANYWHERE NEAR ENOUGH.
WILL YOU TRY RUNNING AWAY...
...FROM ME THIS TIME?
EH?!

YANK
THEN
LET'S CONTINUE THIS, SHALL WE?
WHAT?
Trying not to laugh
DON'T TELL ME,
Pfft
EH?!
YOU MEAN—
CONTINUE?!
RIGHT NOW?!
RI—
What?
CO—
SO?
WERE YOU TEASING ME?!
HA-HA-HA!
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

What do I want to do?
I WANT TO BE WITH YOU.
squeeze
Just a little longer.

AND SO, HE TURNED OUT TO BE THE HEIR OF AN ARISTOCRATIC FAMILY.
SO MOM WALKED AWAY FROM THIS LOVE AFFAIR BECAUSE OF THEIR HUGE DIFFERENCE IN SOCIAL STATUS
.....
ARE YOU SERIOUSLY SAYING THIS?
?
IT HAPPENS OFTEN, DOESN'T IT?
YEAH, YEAH, COMPANY DIRECTOR, KING, PRESIDENT, ANYTHING YOU LIKE.
YEAH SHE'S A REAL LITTLE LADY
Just a little bit longer.
rustle
rustle
WHAT?
smile
I JUST HAD AN INTERESTING IDEA ♪
Ah I have a bad feeling
SAY...

WE HAVE THE SAME BIRTHDAY?
REALLY...
EH?!
YOU'RE OLDER...?
No way!
AMAMIYA YUUJI.
COULD YOU ACCOMPANY US TO THE STATION?
YOU DETECTIVES REALLY ARE BOORS
CAN'T YOU WAIT AT LEAST A MINUTE MORE?
Hug
You're still not married because you're so insensitive
Mind your own biz
THERE WAS A JAPANESE SAYING FOR TIMES LIKE THESE...
WHAT WAS IT AGAIN?
Hm?
WELL...
WHAT STARTED OUT AS A LIE BECAME THE TRUTH...

Ah!
WAIT!
WHY HIM? WEREN'T YOU LOOKING FOR ME?
TSUNAMI KAZUSA-SAN, IF YOU DON'T RETURN TODAY, WE'LL HAVE TO ARREST HIM.
DON'T LISTEN TO THEM! IT'S ALL JUST THREATS.
MISS, IT'S NOT TOO LATE, IT CAN STILL BE WRITTEN OFF AS VOLUNTARY SURRENDER.
KAZUSA!
I'M GOING HOME.
How quickly...
...it all ended.
THANKS FOR THE HARD WORK, KOUHASHI-KUN.
FOR NOTHING.

SHE SPENT SEVERAL DAYS WITH SOME UNKNOWN MAN..!
EVEN IF I KNOW WHO A MAN IS,
MARRYING SOMEONE I DON'T LOVE IS WRONG
Smile
I'M KOUHASHI, A LAWYER
NICE TO MEET YOU AGAIN, KAZUSA-SAN
We couldn't meet the other day at the restaurant
Hmph!
ESPECIALLY AFTER YOU ELOPED, TOO, DAD
Dad you?
AND AS EXPECTED, EVERYTHING FAILED!
IT'S BECAUSE OF SWEET-TALK LIKE THIS THAT THE GIRL IS GETTING IDEAS IN HER HEAD!
IT'S ONLY NATURAL SHE'D BE CONFUSED WHEN SUDDENLY FACED WITH MARRIAGE
COME, COME
THE LADY IS STILL YOUNG
KAZUSA!
THEN...
I'M THE RESULT OF A FAILURE?

ANYWAY, KOUHASHI-KUN, ENTER YOUR NAME IN THE REGIS-TER!
THAT'S THE CONDITION UNDER WHICH I LEAVE THE JOB TO YOU!
KNOCK
KNOCK
YUU?!
clack
Scrrr

crash
I CAME TO TAKE YOUR DAUGHTER.
crunch
SORRY FOR THE LATE INTRODUCTION.

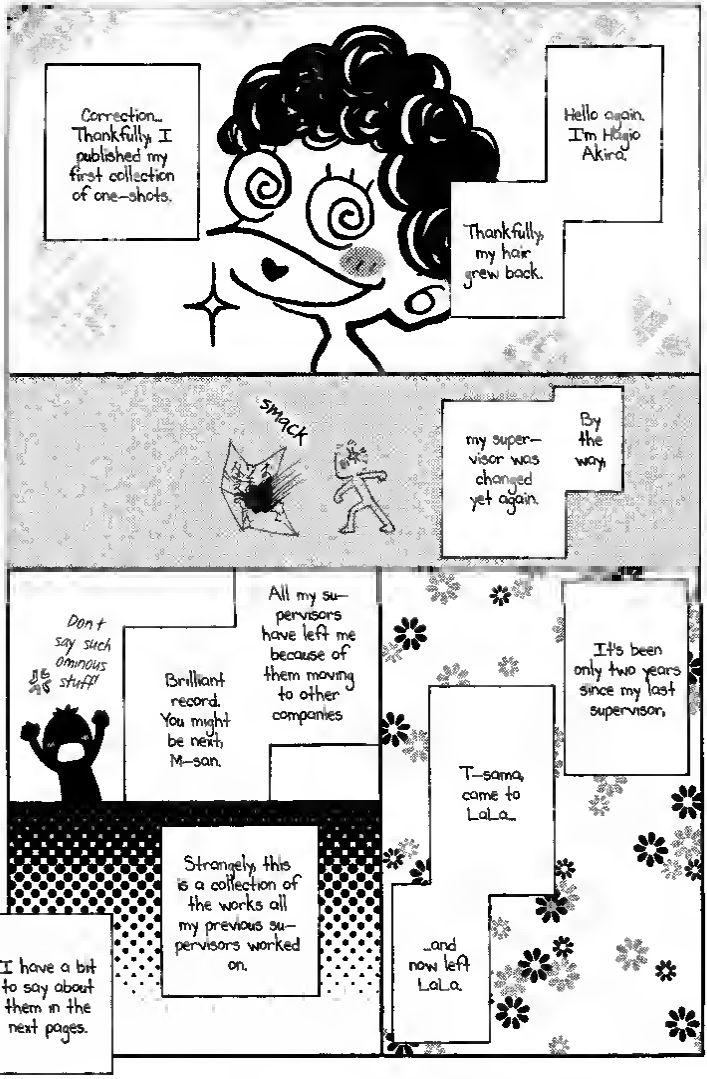
I HAVE A GOOD LAWYER
BESIDES
I THOUGHT DRESSING FORMALLY IS MORE APPROPRIATE
WHA
WHAT'S WITH THE OUTFIT?
And roses too?
IT'S BAD FOR YOU IF YOUR FUTURE SON-IN-LAW HAS A CRIMINAL RECORD, RIGHT?
YOU WERE STILL SUPPOSED TO BE IN CONFINEMENT!
WHO'S A SON-IN-LAW?!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO. ONCE SHE IS 20, SHE DOESN'T NEED PARENTAL APPROVAL ANYMORE
I'LL NEVER APPROVE OF YOU!
SUBMITTED IT FIRST THING THIS MORNING ♡
YOU MEAN...
Ah you're getting more perverted
EH ?
DON'T TELL ME
THE MARRIAGE REGISTRATION FORM WE FILLED ?
YOU SUBMITTED IT?!
ば
And so
HAPPY TWENTIETH BIRTHDAY!
THANKS
Ah!
SEX FLOP

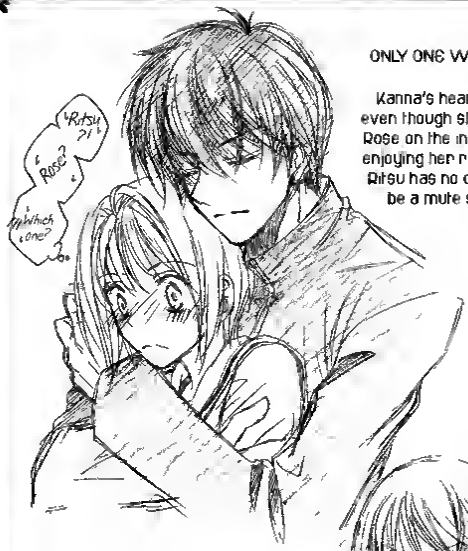
You really submitted it?!
Really really
You weren't joking?!
AND POLYGAMY IS FORBIDDEN IN JAPAN, RIGHT?
Did you sign without hearing it?
Early bird catches the worm
Ehm
YOU COULD TAKE ME TO COURT AND USE YOUR PARENTAL AUTHORITY,
BUT KAZUSA IS OF AGE NOW, SO YOU CAN'T DO A THING ABOUT IT
NO MATTER WHAT TRICKS YOU USE, SUCH A MARRIAGE IS—
THAT'S WHY YOU PLANNED TO USE A MAN WHO DOES ANYTHING YOU ASK HIM TO BIND HER
YOU CAGED HER ALL THIS TIME IN THAT OVERSEAS SCHOOL FOR THE SAME REASON.
YOU WERE AFRAID THAT ONE DAY SHE'D LEAVE YOU
... AND GO BACK TO HER MOTHER'S SIDE.
YOU BETRAYED ME?!
I TOLD YOU TO KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT...
I ALMOST HAD MY HEAD SPLIT OPEN BECAUSE OF YOU
Eh?!
WHAT? YOU KNOW EACH OTHER?!
Eh?
I GUESS IT WON'T HAPPEN...
NOW IF ONLY THE FATHER WOULD COOPERATE, EVERYTHING WILL BE OVER CLEANLY, BUT...
Ah
What a pitiful reason
WHAT?!
THE GOOD LAWYER OVER THERE.
Who
WHO SAID SUCH A THING?!
IS IT TRUE?

KAZUSA!
YOU'RE JUST DOING THIS ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT!
COOL DOWN AND THINK ABOUT IT!
LET'S GO!
IMPOSSIBLE.

YOU CAN SAY THAT HISTORY IS REPEATING ITSELF.
IS HE A SUCH A MAN THAT YOU'D GO THIS FAR FOR HIM?
HE'S MY FIRST CLIENT EVER
I COULDN'T HELP BUT FEEL FOR HIM.
IN SICK-NESS...
AND IN HEALTH...
BESIDES...
HE'S THE MAN I WANT LEAST OF ALL TO BE MY ENEMY
.....
OOPS
What was next?
ISN'T THIS A TOY RING?
I DON'T HAVE MONEY TO BUY A REAL ONE.

IN ORDER FOR US TO BECOME WORTHY OF A REAL RING ONE DAY,
KEEP ON LOVING ME.


Correction... Thankfully, I published my first collection of one-shots.
Hello again. I'm Higio Akira.
Thankfully, my hair grew back.
SMACK
By the way,
my supervisor was changed yet again.
Don't say such ominous stuff!
Brilliant record. You might be next, M-san.
All my supervisors have left me because of them moving to other companies
It's been only two years since my last supervisor,
T-sama, came to LaLa...
...and now left LaLa.
Strangely, this is a collection of the works all my previous supervisors worked on.
I have a bit to say about them in the next pages.



ONLY ONE WISH

Kanna's heart is racing even though she knows it's Rose on the inside. Rose is enjoying her response and Rifsu has no choice but to be a mute spectator

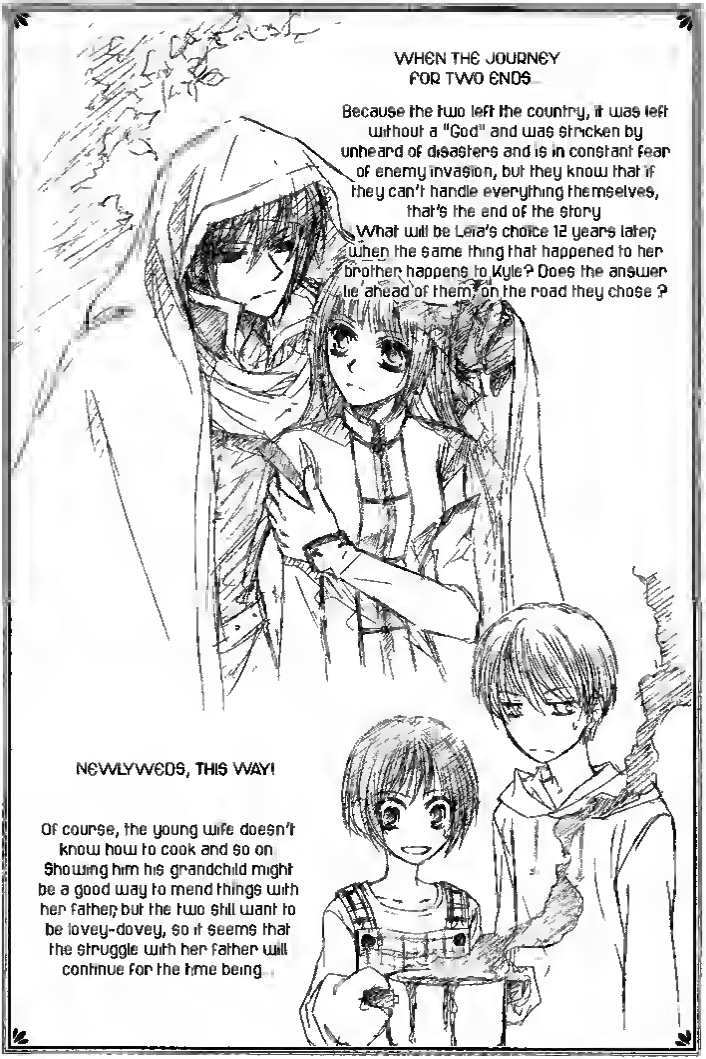
ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A REASON TO LOOK FOR ANOTHER PLACE TO BE

Kazusa is the same age as Saya was three years ago, when she met Akihito. Of course, she infiltrates the Sagara home. She starts growing her hair long after entering university.

She's something like a daughter to Akihito and she might have been his niece, so there shouldn't be any romantic feelings involved, but

His heart is swayed because of their resemblance, but also because of if he slams on the brakes.

What if she brings home a boyfriend in the meantime? He's worried about that every day



WHEN THE JOURNEY FOR TWO ENDS...

Because the two left the country, it was left without a "God" and was stricken by unheard of disasters and is in constant fear of enemy invasion, but they know that if they can't handle everything themselves, that's the end of the story.

What will be Lera's choice 12 years later, when the same thing that happened to her brother happens to Kyle? Does the answer lie ahead of them, on the road they chose?

NEWLYWEDS, THIS WAY!

Of course, the young wife doesn't know how to cook and so on. Showing him his grandchild might be a good way to mend things with her father, but the two still want to be lovey-dovey, so it seems that the struggle with her father will continue for the time being...

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